You Down With OPG? Leveraging Operational Property Graphs in Oracle 23c



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A Lie Can Circle the Earth While Truth Is Still Putting On Its Shoes



Kremlin runs disinformation campaign to undermine Zelensky, documents show

- Washington Post, February 16, 2024

By early March, dozens of hired trolls were pumping out more than 1,300 texts and 37,000 comments on Ukrainian social media each week ... Records show that **employees at troll farms** earned 60,000 rubles a month, or **\$660**, for writing **100 comments a day.**... Russians were willing to pay up to **\$39,000** for the planting of pro-Russian commentary in major media outlets in the West.

<u>Scientists Explain Why 'Doing Your Own Research' Leads to Believing Conspiracies</u> - VICE.com, December 21, 2023

People who had been nudged to look for more information online were 19 percent more likely to rate a false or misleading article as fact, compared to those who weren't encouraged ... Partly, this was because of what are called data voids ... "[T]he internet is full of junk theory. There may be false information out there **but not the corresponding true information to correct it**."





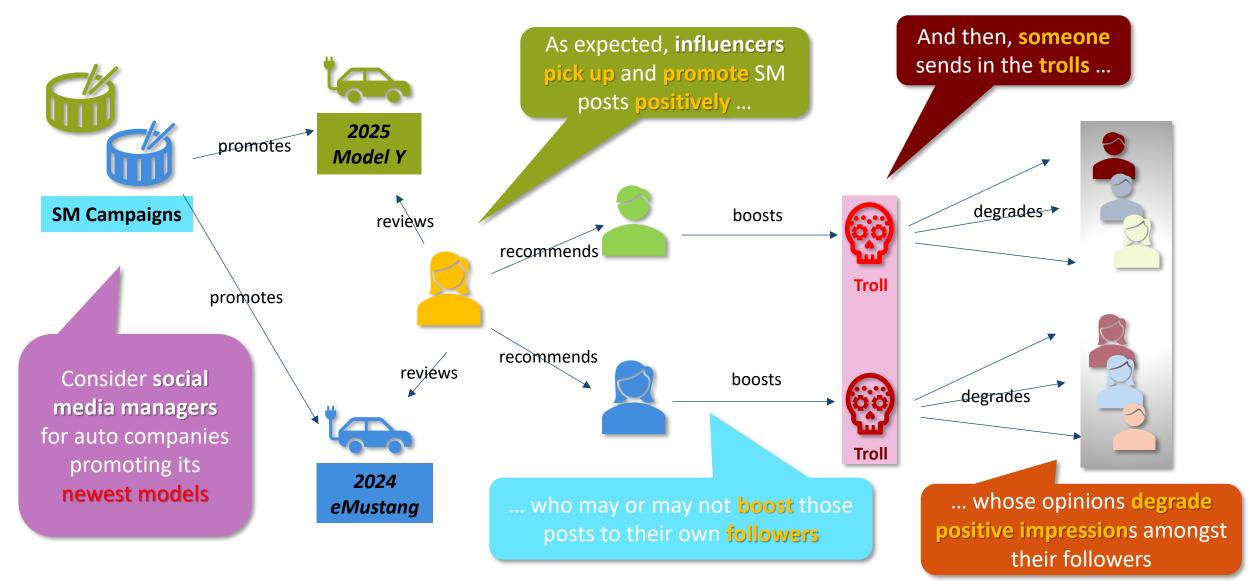
It's Not Misinformation. It's Amplified Propaganda.

- The Atlantic, January 16, 2023

Far from being merely a target, the public has become an active participant in creating and selectively amplifying narratives that shape realities ... A giant web of interconnected users, each with an agenda, shouting at one another to pay attention. It's not disinformation. Our politics is awash in *ampliganda*, the propaganda of the modern age.



Property Graphs: Not About Data Itself, But How They're Connected





Business Case: New Product Launch Announcements



Automotive manufacturers have decided to release new EV models

Positive support from **key influencers** will be key to public acceptance because they'll highlight most compelling **new features**, thus **differentiating** them from competing models

It's **imperative** to promote releases via **social media** and measure messaging's **effectiveness**

How **positive** are positive reactions?

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Are there any **negative** responses?





Are **negative** responses from **true influencers** or just **trolls**?

A Social Media Network: Nodes and Edges

CREATE TABLE IF	NOT EXISTS entiti	es (
e_id	NUMBER(09)	NOT NULL
,e_gender	CHAR(01)	NOT NULL
,e_name	VARCHAR2(40)	NOT NULL
,e_country	CHAR(03)	NOT NULL
,e_tz	CHAR(06)	NOT NULL
,e_handle	CHAR(40)	NOT NULL
,e_comment	VARCHAR2(512));	
,e_handle	CHAR(40)	NOT NULL

These two tables construct the **nodes** of a simple **social media network** ...

CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS messaging (NUMBER(13)msg_id GENERATED ALWAYS AS IDENTITY (START WITH 1001) ,msg_dtm NOT NULL DATE ,msg_polarity NUMBER(8,5)DEFAULT 0 ,msg_subjectivity NUMBER(8,5)DEFAULT 0 VARCHAR2(4000) NOT NULL); ,msg_text



A Social Media Network: Nodes and Edges

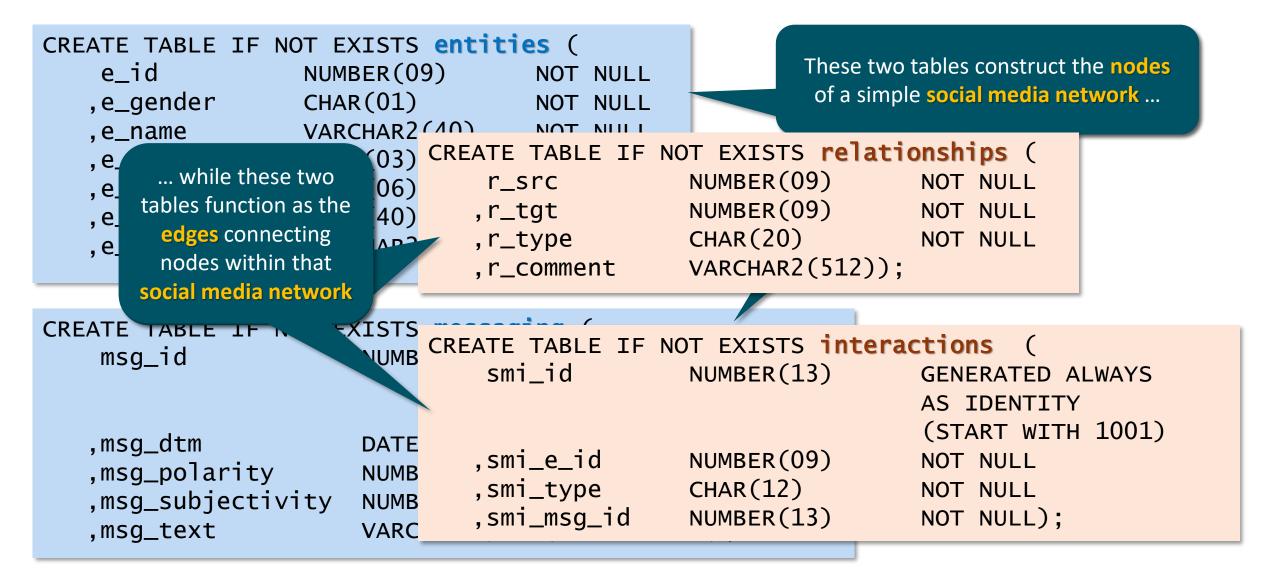
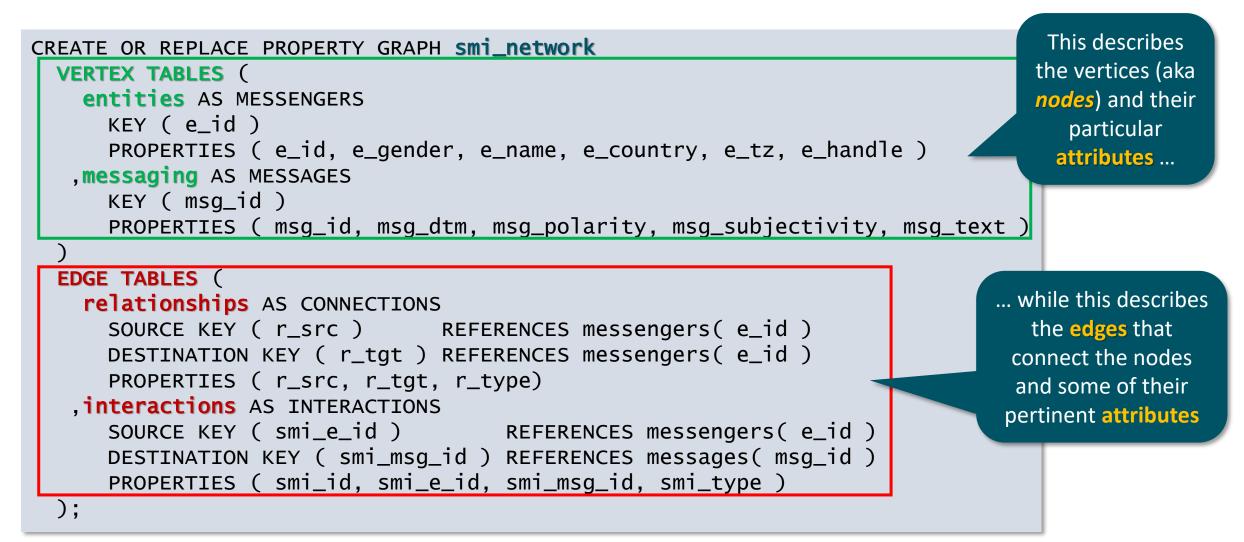




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Demonstration: Exploring a Social Media Network

Creating an OPG Property Graph



Viewing OPG Attributes

SELECT * FROM user_pg_elements;

SELECT * FROM user_pg_edge_relationships;

SELECT * FROM user_pg_label_properties;

<pre> @ GRAPH_NAME</pre>	ELEMENT_NAME	SELEMENT_KIND OB	JECT_OWNER 🕀 OBJECT_NAME
SMI_NETWORK	MESSENGERS	VERTEX HOL2	23C ENTITIES
SMI_NETWORK	MESSAGES	VERTEX HOL2	23C MESSAGING
SMI_NETWORK	CONNECTIONS	EDGE HOL2	23C RELATIONSHIPS
SMI_NETWORK	INTERACTIONS	EDGE HOL2	23C INTERACTIONS

<pre> @ GRAPH_NAME </pre>	<pre> @ EDGE_TAB_NAME </pre>	VERTEX_TAB_NAME	<pre> EDGE_END </pre>	<pre> EDGE_COL_NAME </pre>	<pre> VERTEX_COL_NAME </pre>
SMI_NETWORK	INTERACTIONS	MESSENGERS	SOURCE	SMI_E_ID	E_ID
SMI_NETWORK	CONNECTIONS	MESSENGERS	SOURCE	R_SRC	E_ID
SMI_NETWORK	CONNECTIONS	MESSENGERS	DESTINATION	I R_TGT	E_ID
SMI_NETWORK	INTERACTIONS	MESSAGES	DESTINATION	SMI_MSG_ID	MSG_ID

GRAPH_NAME	EABEL_NAME	PROPERTY_NAME	DATA_TYPE	BATA_LENGTH	DATA_PRECISION	DATA_SCALE	DATA_CHAR_LENGTH
SMI_NETWORK	MESSENGERS	E_ID	NUMBER	22	9	0	0
SMI_NETWORK	MESSENGERS	E_GENDER	CHAR	1	(null)	(null)	1
SMI_NETWORK	MESSENGERS	E_NAME	VARCHAR2	40	(null)	(null)	40
SMI_NETWORK	MESSENGERS	E_COUNTRY	CHAR	З	(null)	(null)	3
SMI_NETWORK	MESSENGERS	E_TZ	CHAR	6	(null)	(null)	6
SMI_NETWORK	MESSENGERS	E_HANDLE	VARCHAR2	40	(null)	(null)	40
SMI_NETWORK	MESSAGES	MSG_ID	NUMBER	22	13	0	0
SMI_NETWORK	MESSAGES	MSG_DTM	DATE	7	(null)	(null)	0
SMI_NETWORK	MESSAGES	MSG_POLARITY	NUMBER	22	8	5	0
SMI_NETWORK	MESSAGES	MSG_SUBJECTIVITY	NUMBER	22	8	5	O
SMI_NETWORK	MESSAGES	MSG_TEXT	VARCHAR2	4000	(null)	(null)	4000



Sifting Chaff from Grain: MATCH Clause Syntax (1)

Pattern	Describes	Example	Meaning
()	Nodes (aka vertices)	(n1)	Node labelled n1
0	Edges	[e]	Edge labelled e
-[]->	Directional to	(n1) - [e] -> (n2)	Node n1 connected by edge e to node n2 in the direction of n2
<-[]-	Directional from	(n1) <- [e] – (n2)	Node n1 connected by edge e to node n2 in the direction of n1
-[]-	Omni-directional	(n1) - [e] - (n2)	Node n1 connected by edge e to node n2 in either direction



OPGs, GRAPH_TABLE, and MATCH

SELECT *
FROM GRAPH_TABLE(
 smi_network
 MATCH (m1) - [p IS CONNECTIONS] -> (m2)
 COLUMNS (
 p.r_src AS source
 , m1.e_handle AS src_handle
 , m1.e_country AS src_from
 , m1.e_tz AS src_tz
 , P.r_tgt AS target
 , m2.e_handle AS dst_handle
 , m2.e_tz AS dst_from
 , m2.e_tz AS dst_tz
);

The new **GRAPH_TABLE** operator lets me look for relationships within an OPG

This MATCH statement tells OPG to connect members (nodes) to their payload activity (edges)

Attributes of each **node** as well as their connecting **edges** are **prefixed** to **differentiate** them from each other



OPGs, GRAPH_TABLE, and MATCH

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	, m	1 100	3 TSLAHater 21	RUS	UTC+3	1004 BiteMeEl	on12	BOL	UTC-5
	, n	100	4 BiteMeElon12	BOL	UTC-5	1001 Eat The Ri	ch14	RUS	UTC+3
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	, n	200	2LogBurner18	CHI	UTC+9	2003 SorryHen	ryFord29	CHI	UTC+8
	, m	200	3 SorryHenryFord29	CHI	UTC+8	2004 2A3Percer	nt	PER	UTC-6
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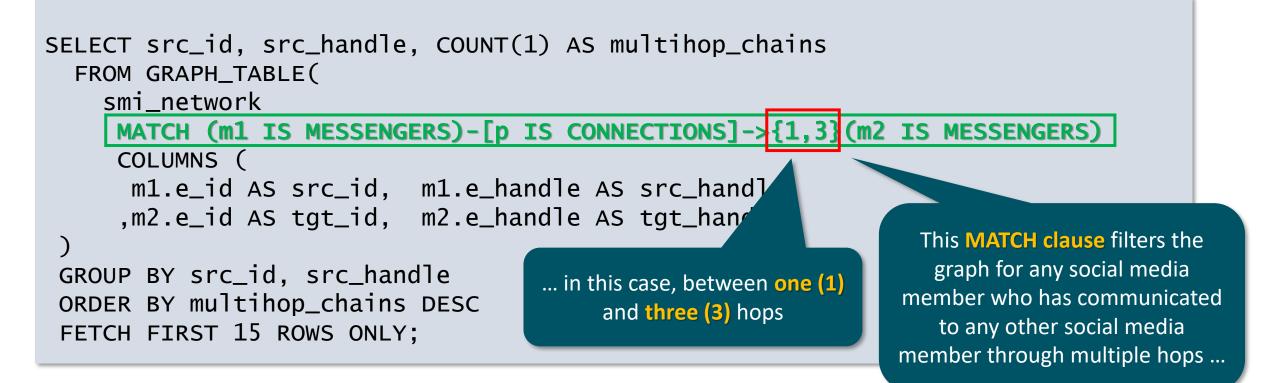


Traversing Network "Hops": MATCH Clause Syntax (2)

Pattern	Describes	Example	Meaning
-[]->*	Directional with zero or more hops	(n1) - [e] ->* (n2)	Node n1 connected by edge e to node n2 in n2's direction with any number of hops in between
-[]->+	Directional with one or more hops	(n1) - [e] ->+ (n2)	Node n1 connected by edge e to node n2 in n2 's direction with one or more hops in between
-[]->{n- m}	Directional with exactly n to m hops	(n1) - [e] -> <mark>{2-4}</mark> (n2)	Node n1 connected by edge e to node n2 in n2 's direction with exactly two to four hops in between



Who Are the Most Interactive Members?



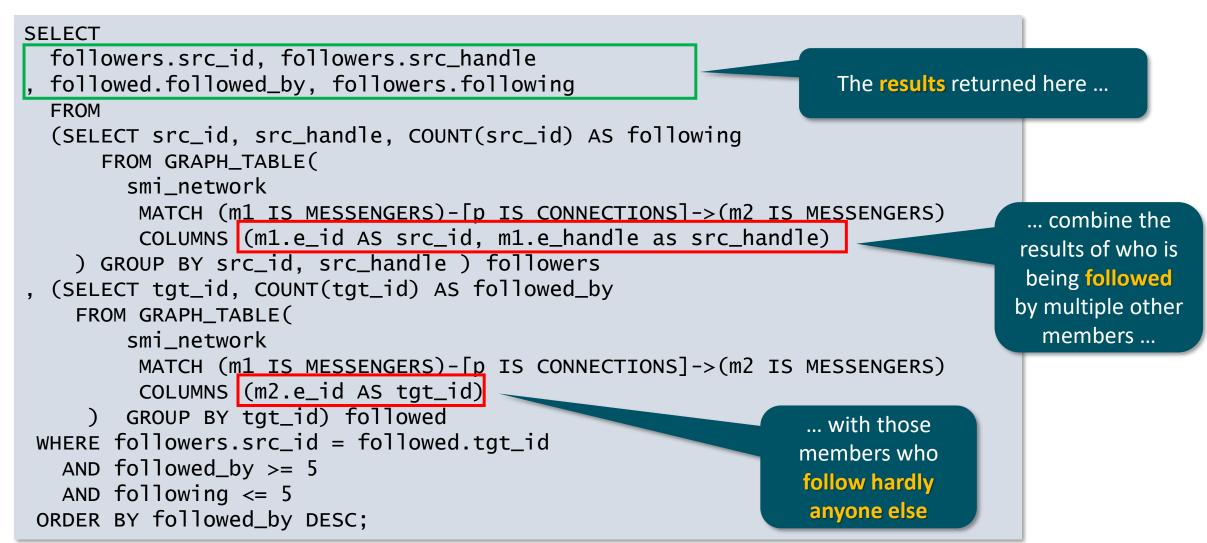


Who Are the Most Interactive Members?

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m1.e_id AS src_id, m1.e_handl	241 virtuafighter	66	
,m2.e_id AS tgt_id, m2.e_handl	246 wng239	60	
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GROUP BY src_id, src_handle	133cpt-will	52	edia
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	231 tjmaxx948	48	hops
	121 caspiansails	44	
These are the members who've	218 smarterthandems	44	
been most active in the social	202purplereign615	44	
media network whose activities	199 Plato57	44	
have reached <u>beyond</u> one to	153HighDensityEVParkingSafe	44	
three other members	135 DamnItJimImJustACountryDoctor!	44	
	244whitey	42	



Finding Potential Trolls



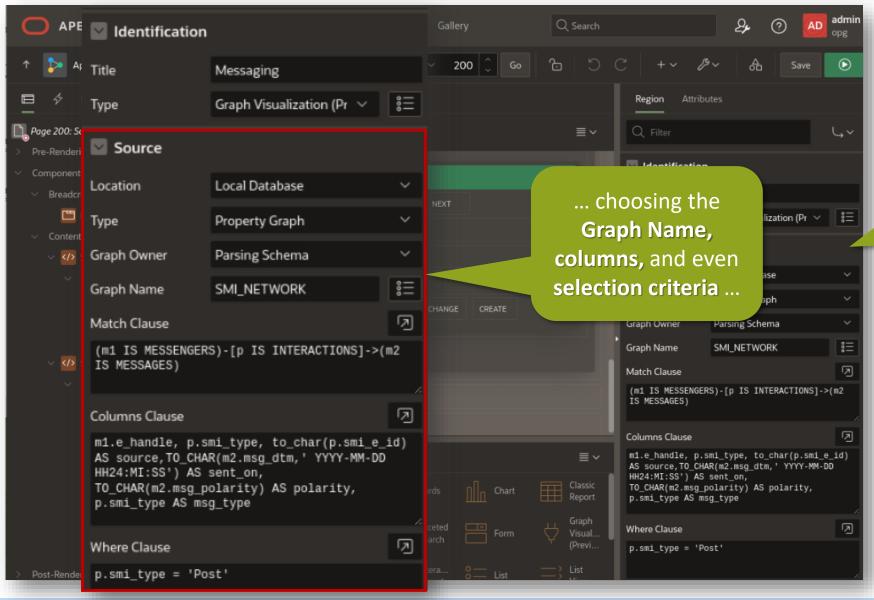


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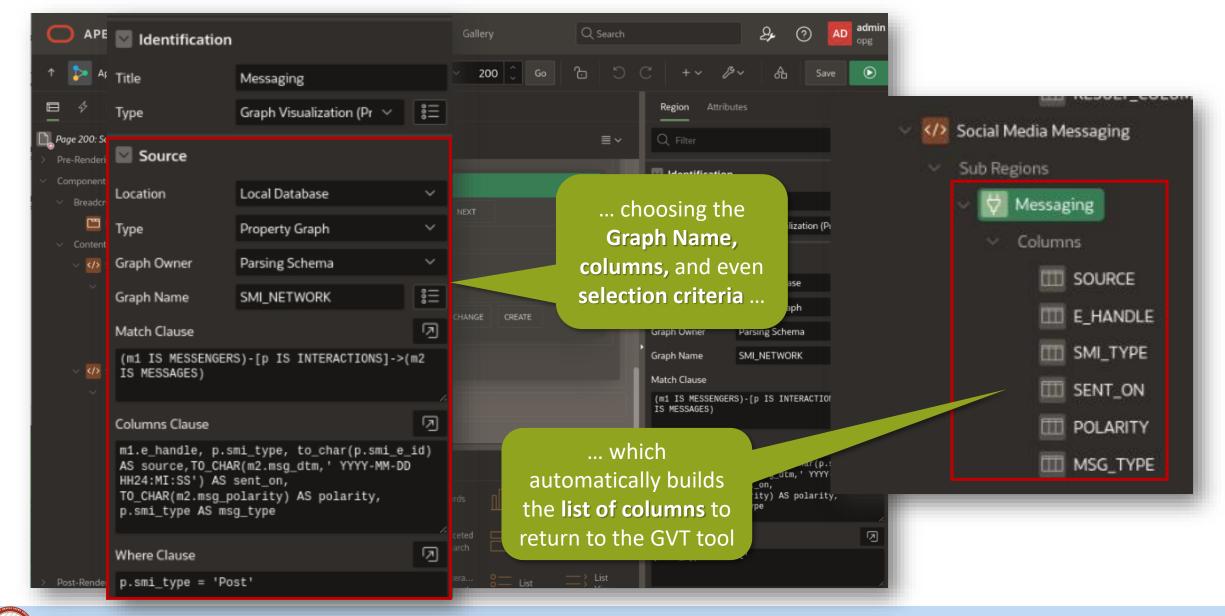
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followers.src_id, followers.src_handle			
, followed.followed_by, followers.following	The resu	Ilts returned here	
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FROM GRAPH_TABLE(2002LogBurner18	10	1
smi_network	2004 2A3Percent	10	1
MATCH (m <mark>1 IS MESSENGERS)-[p</mark> IS CONNEC	2003 SorryHenryFord29	10	1
COLUMNS (m2.e_id AS tgt_id)	2 FordMediaMgr	10	1
) GROUP BY tgt_id) followed WHERF []]	196 pat 11602	8	2
AN While some of these members are	1001 EatTheRich14	7	1
AN known, others are followed by	1002 ProudSCBoy	6	1
ORDE several members but are	1004 BiteMeElon12	6	1
following hardly any others!	1003 TSLAHater 21	6	1
	148 gagaga	5	4



Demonstration: Visualizing Key Influencers



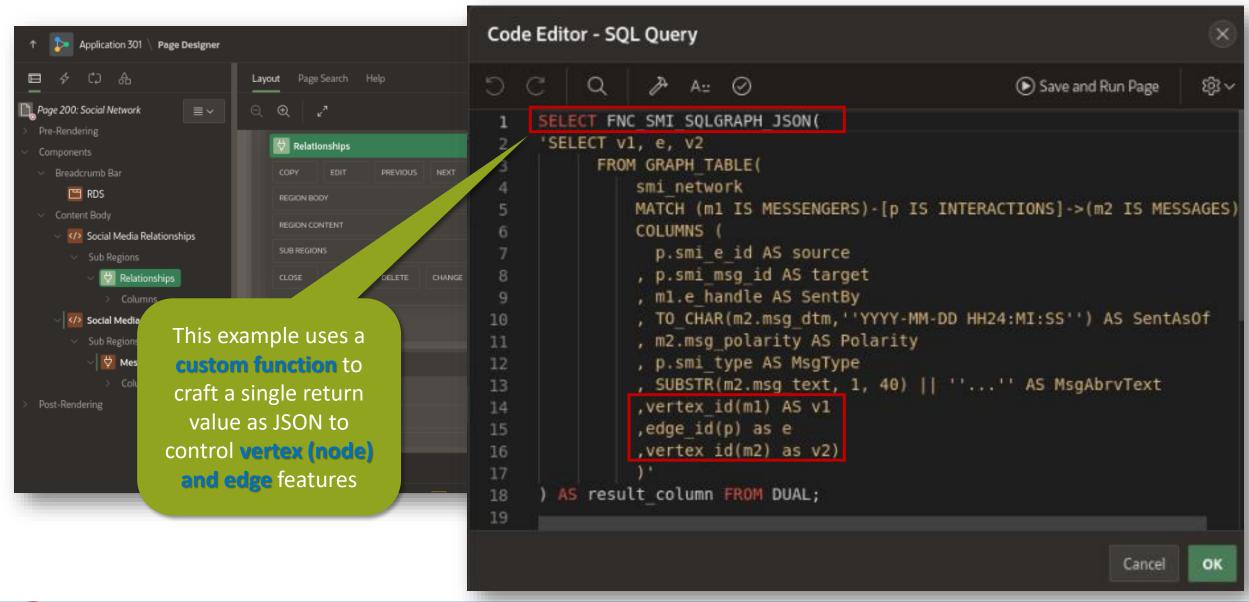
You can build a GVT region by supplying **key information** ...



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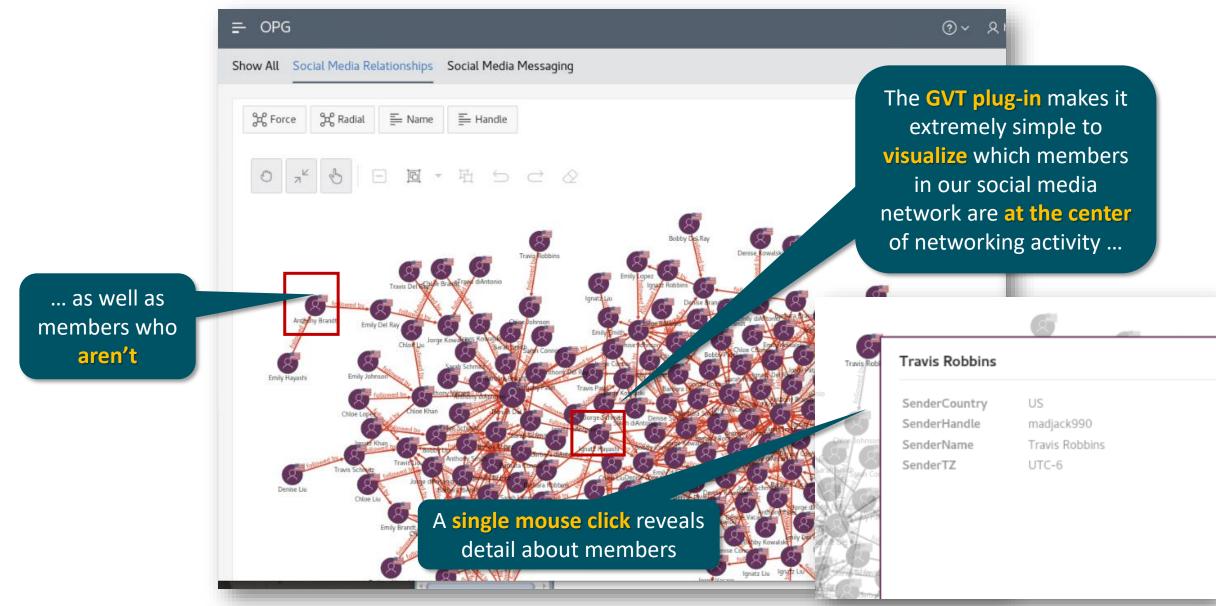
For finer control, you can issue a SQL statement that describes the specific **nodes and edges** you want to display







Probing Social Media Networks Graphically (1)



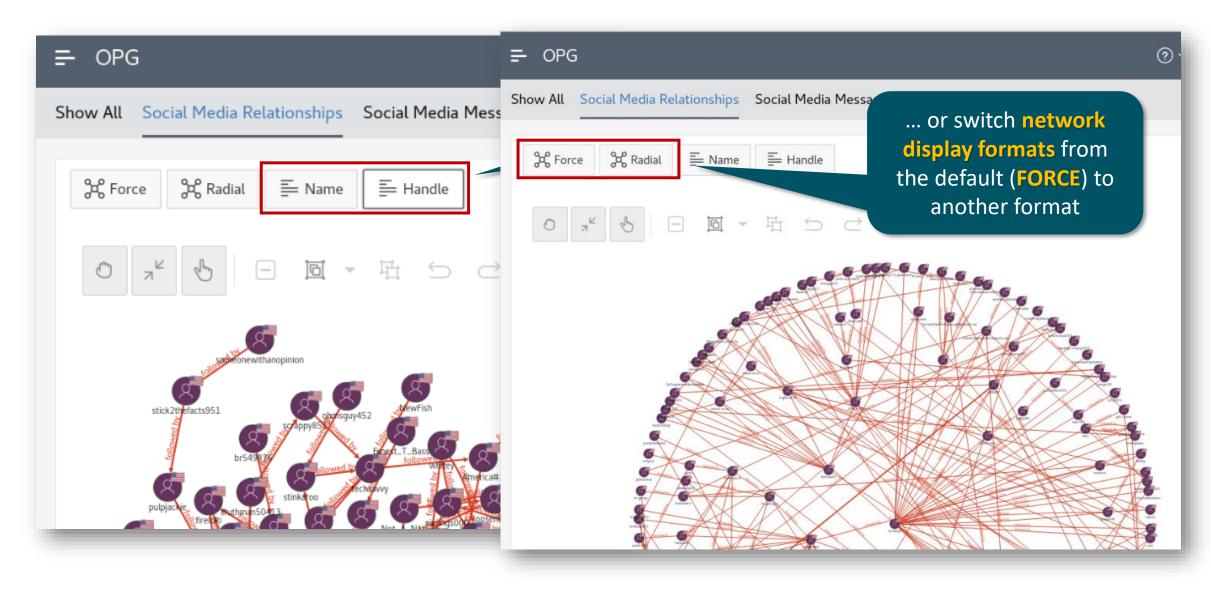


Probing Social Media Networks Graphically (2)



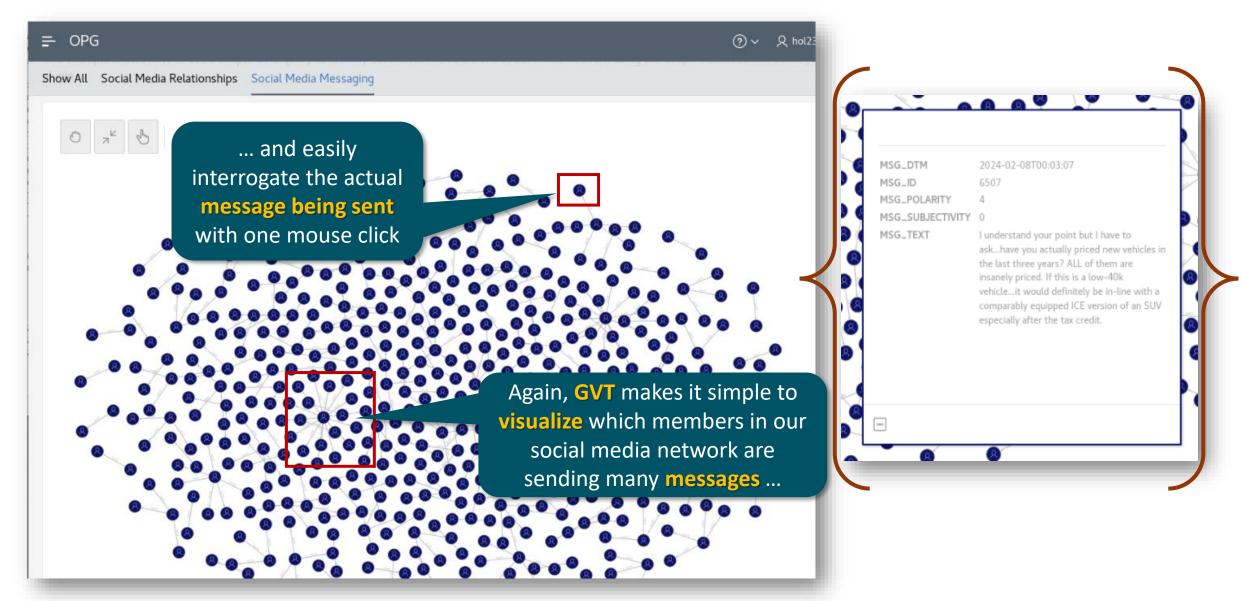


Probing Social Media Networks Graphically (2)





Probing Social Media Networks Graphically (3)

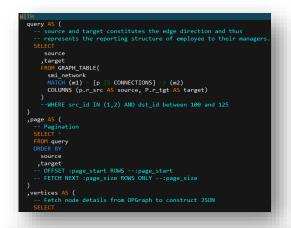


Advantage	PGX	OPG
Access to visualization via GraphWiz plug-ins and tools	YES	YES
Easily accessible via SQL clients (e.g. SQL Developer)	YES	YES
Easily accessible via APEX	NO	YES
Tuned to handle high transaction volumes in real time	NO	YES
Direct access to PGX analytic functions*	YES	NO
Direct access to PGX ML models*	YES	NO

*There are **additional limitations** for **PGQL queries** when accessing SQL property graphs!



Plans for Future Experimentation



Top 12 Vertices Based on PageRank

%pgql-pgx SELECT x.pagerank, x.handle, x.followers, x.following FROM MATCH (x) ON nw_complex ORDER BY pagerank DESC LIMIT 12

PGX Analytic Functions: Results

%pgql-pgx SELECT

x.handle as "Handle" ,x.followers as "# of Followers" ,x.following as "# of Following" ,x.pagerank as "PageRank" ,x.betweenness as "DistBtwn" ,x.authority as "Hits - Authority" ,x.hubs as "Hits - Hubs" FROM MATCH (x) ON nw_complex WHERE x.betweenness > 0 ORDER BY x.betweenness DESC Build more complex **OPG queries** to solve even more complex **business problems**

Apply PGQL via Graph Studio to OPGs

Apply PGX **analytic and ML functions** to OPG graphs in **(nearly) real time**



Useful References

Property Graph Developer's Guide

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Using the APEX Graph Visualization Plug-In

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Oracle Graph JavaScript API Reference for Property Graph Visualization

https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/property-graph/23.4/pgjsd/index.html

APEX and Property Graphs in Oracle Database 23c (video)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DODoJI3sR14



Valuable In-Depth Training and Techniques

Oracle Graph Learning Path

https://blogs.oracle.com/database/post/oracle-graph-learning-path

Powering Network Topology Planning and Administration with Oracle Graph

https://blogs.oracle.com/database/post/powering-network-topology-planning-and-administration-with-oracle-graph

Oracle Graph on Medium

https://medium.com/tag/oracle-graph



Additional Data Sources and Use Cases

Welcome to Our New 'Bespoke' Realities:

https://www.nytimes.com/2023/11/30/opinion/political-reality-algorithms.html

Fame for sale: Efficient detection of fake Twitter followers

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