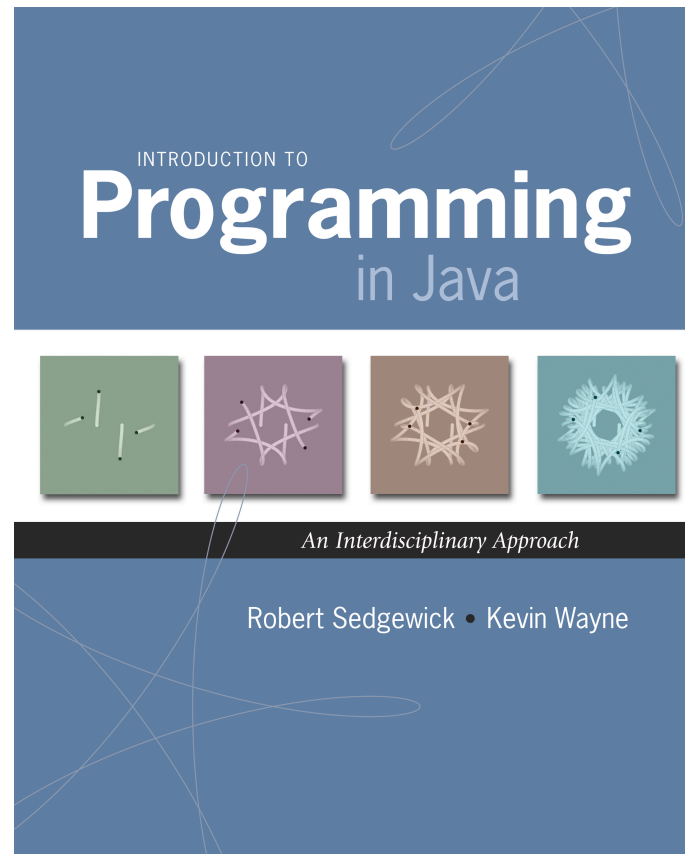


## 4.5 Small World Phenomenon

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# Small World Phenomenon

Small world phenomenon. Six handshakes away from anyone.

An experiment to quantify effect. [Stanley Milgram, 1960s]

- You are given personal info of another person.
- Goal: deliver message. e.g., occupation and age
- Restriction: can only forward to someone you know by first name.
- Outcome: message delivered with average of 5 intermediaries.



Stanley Milgram



Kevin Bacon

# Applications of Small World Phenomenon

## Sociology applications.

- Looking for a job.
- Marketing products or ideas.
- Formation and spread of fame and fads.
- Train of thought followed in a conversation.
- Defining representative-ness of political bodies.
- **Kevin Bacon** game (movies, rock groups, facebook, etc.).

## Other applications.

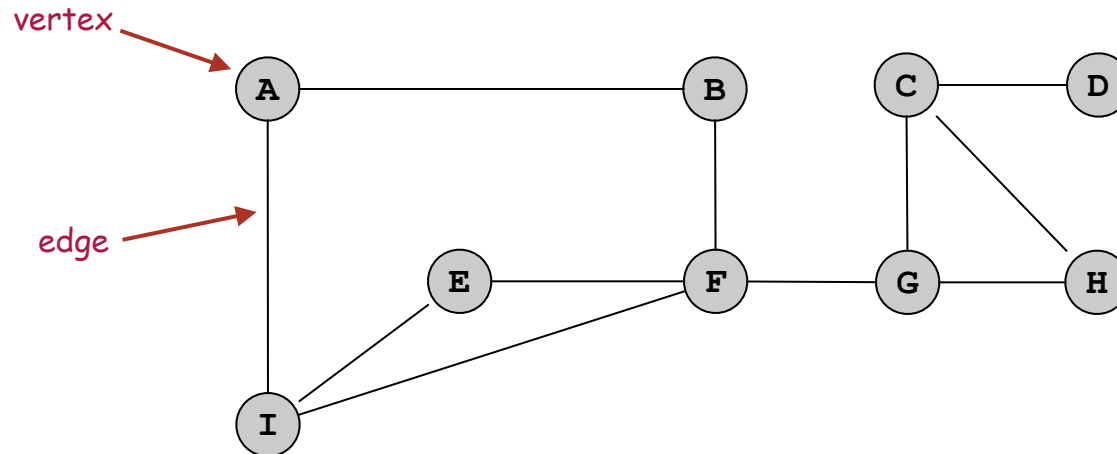
- Electronic circuits.
- Synchronization of neurons.
- Analysis of World Wide Web.
- Design of electrical power grids.
- Modeling of protein interaction networks.
- Phase transitions in coupled Kuramoto oscillators.
- Spread of infectious diseases and computer viruses.
- Evolution of cooperation in multi-player iterated Prisoner's Dilemma.

Reference. Duncan J. Watts, *Small Worlds: The Dynamics of Networks between Order and Randomness*, Princeton University Press, 1999.

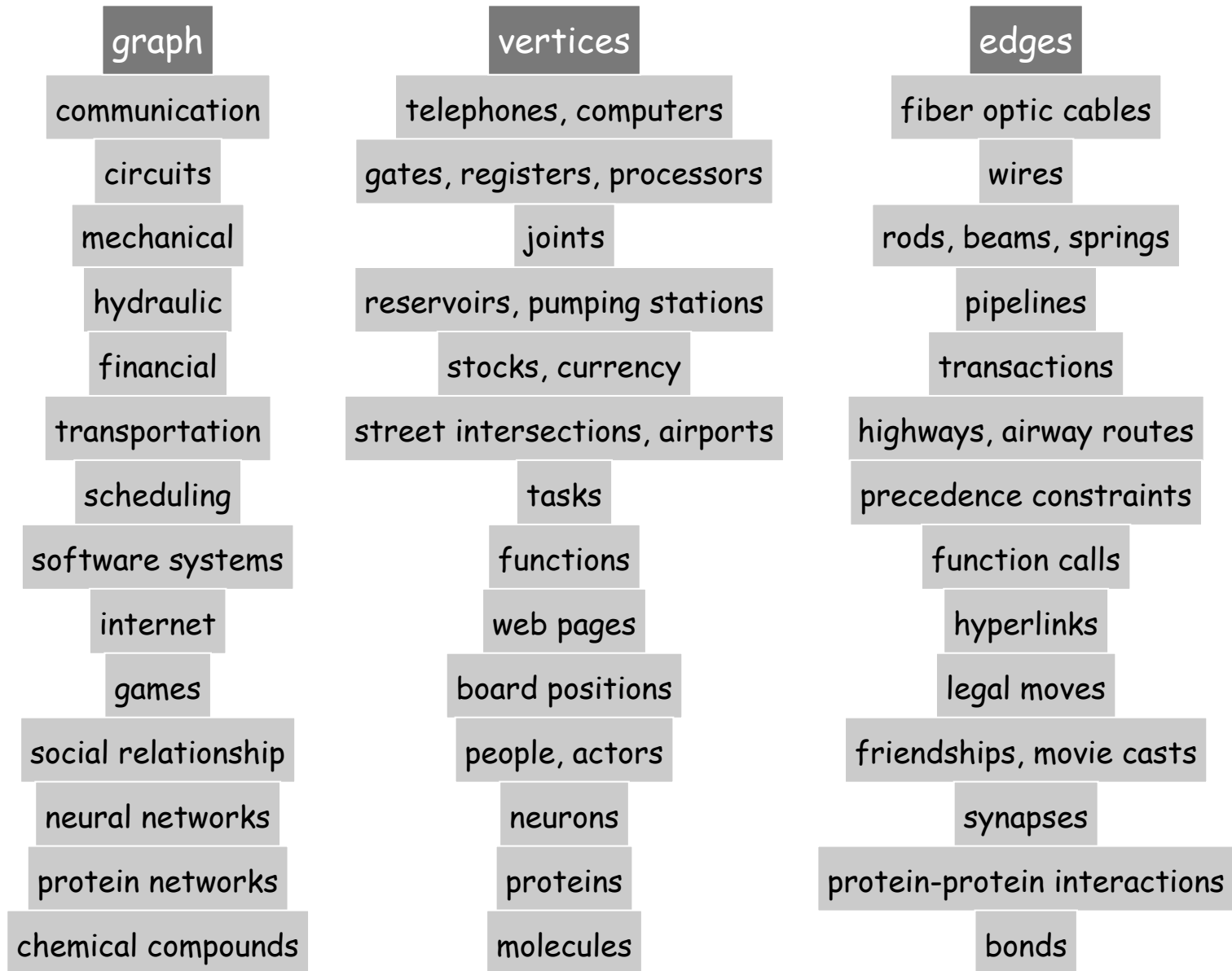
# Graph Data Type

Application demands a new data type.

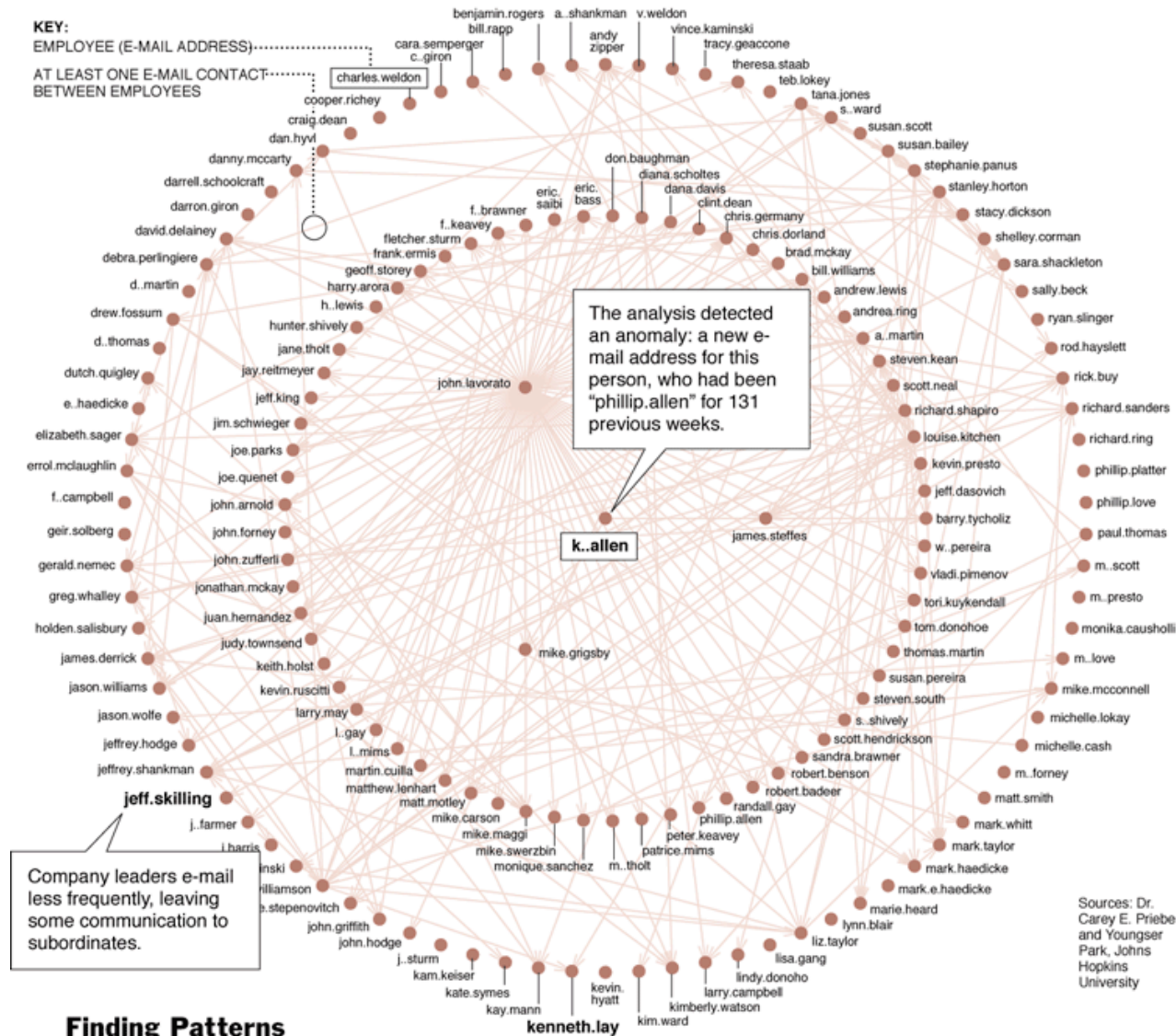
- **Graph** = data type that represents pairwise connections.
- Vertex = element.
- Edge = connection between two vertices.



# Graph Applications



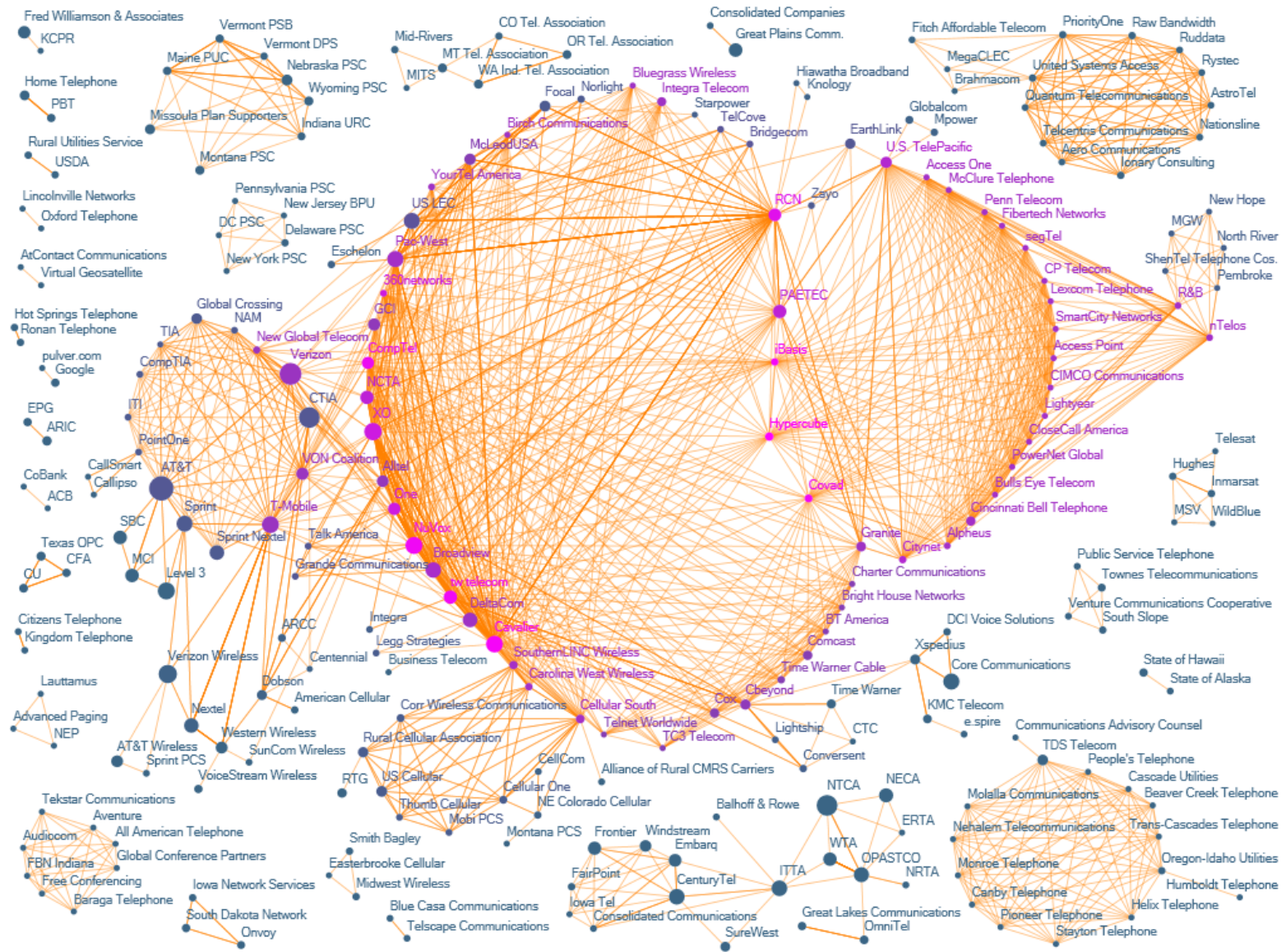
# One Week of Enron Emails



## Finding Patterns In Corporate Chatter

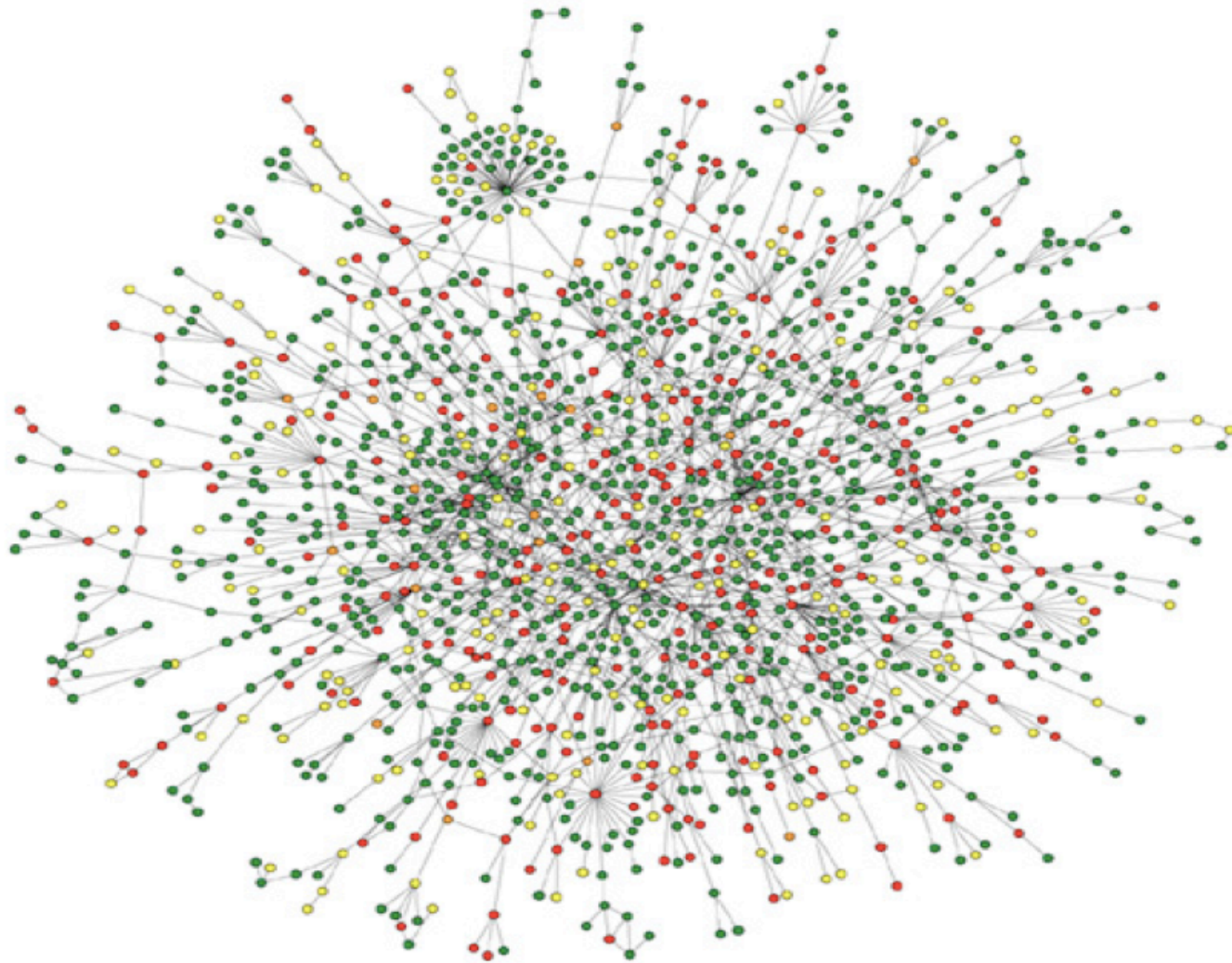
Computer scientists are analyzing about a half million Enron e-mails. Here is a map of a week's e-mail patterns in May 2001, when a new name suddenly appeared. Scientists found that this week's pattern differed greatly from others, suggesting different conversations were taking place that might interest investigators. Next step: word analysis of these messages.

# FCC Lobbying Graph



*“The Evolution of FCC Lobbying Coalitions” by Pierre de Vries in JoSS Visualization Symposium 2010*

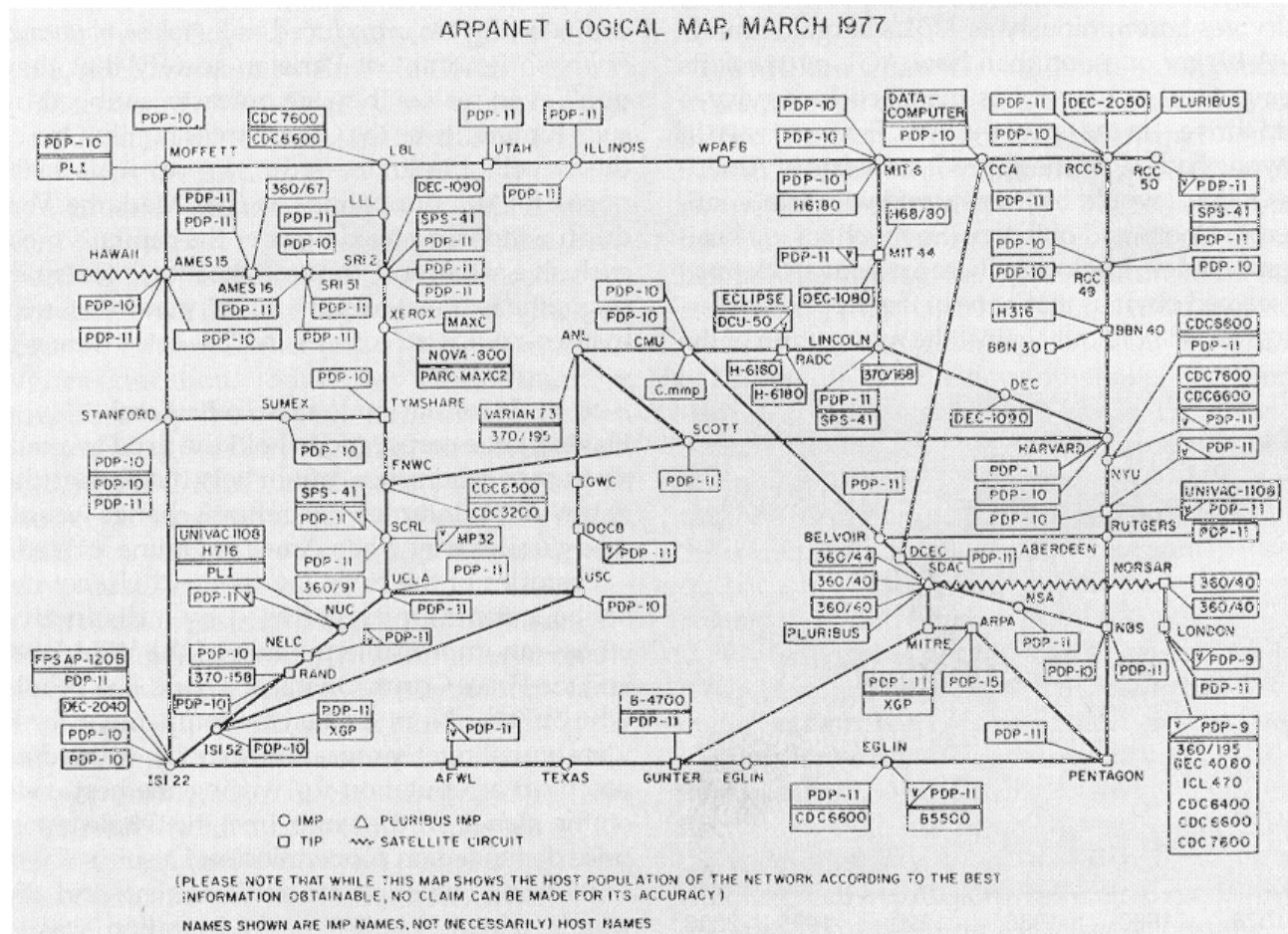
# Protein Interaction Network



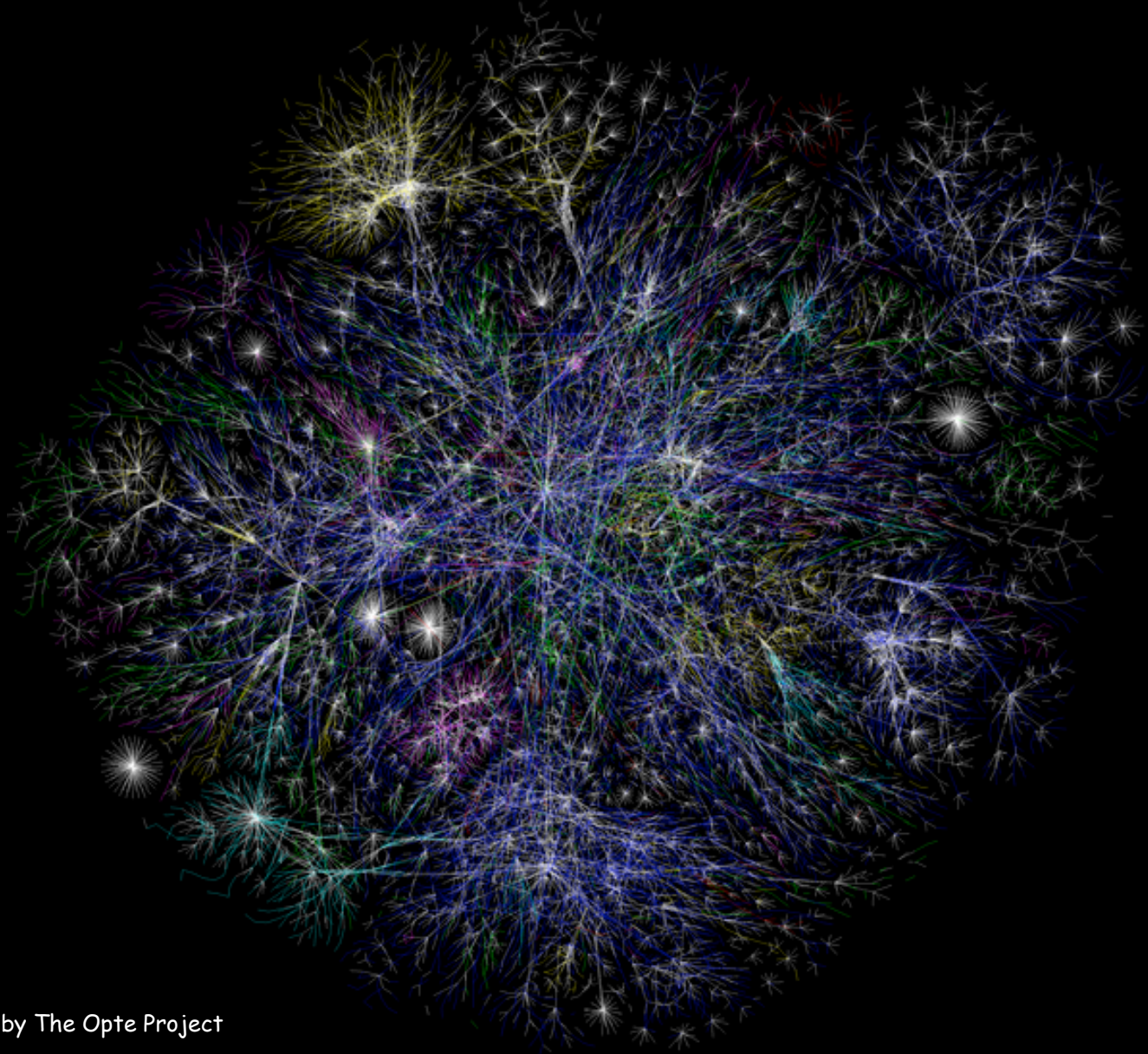
Reference: Jeong et al, Nature Review | Genetics



# ARPANET



# The Internet



The Internet as mapped by The Opte Project  
<http://www.opte.org>

# Internet Movie Database

**Input format.** Movie followed by list of performers, separated by slashes.

```
% more movies.txt
...
Tin Men (1987)/DeBoy, David/Blumenfeld, Alan/... /Geppi, Cindy/Hershey, Barbara
Tirez sur le pianiste (1960)/Heymann, Claude/.../Berger, Nicole (I)
Titanic (1997)Paxton, Bill/DiCaprio, Leonardo/.../Winslet, Kate
Titus (1999)/Weisskopf, Hermann/Rhys, Matthew/.../McEwan, Geraldine
To All a Good Night (1980)/George, Michael (II)/.../Gentile, Linda
To Be or Not to Be (1942)/Verebes, Ernö (I)/.../Lombard, Carole (I)
To Be or Not to Be (1983)/Brooks, Mel (I)/.../Bancroft, Anne
To Catch a Thief (1955)/París, Manuel/Grant, Cary/.../Kelly, Grace
To Die For (1989)/Bond, Steve (I)/Jones, Duane (I)/.../Maddalena, Julie
To Die For (1995)/Smith, Kurtwood/Kidman, Nicole/.../Tucci, Maria
To Die Standing (1990)/Sacha, Orlando/Anthony, Gerald/.../Rose, Jamie
To End All Wars (2001)/Kimura, Sakae/Ellis, Greg (II)/.../Sutherland, Kiefer
To Kill a Clown (1972)/Alda, Alan/Clavering, Eric/Lamberts, Heath/Danner, Blythe
To Live and Die in L.A. (1985)/McGroarty, Pat/Williams, Donnie/.../Dafoe, Willem
...
```

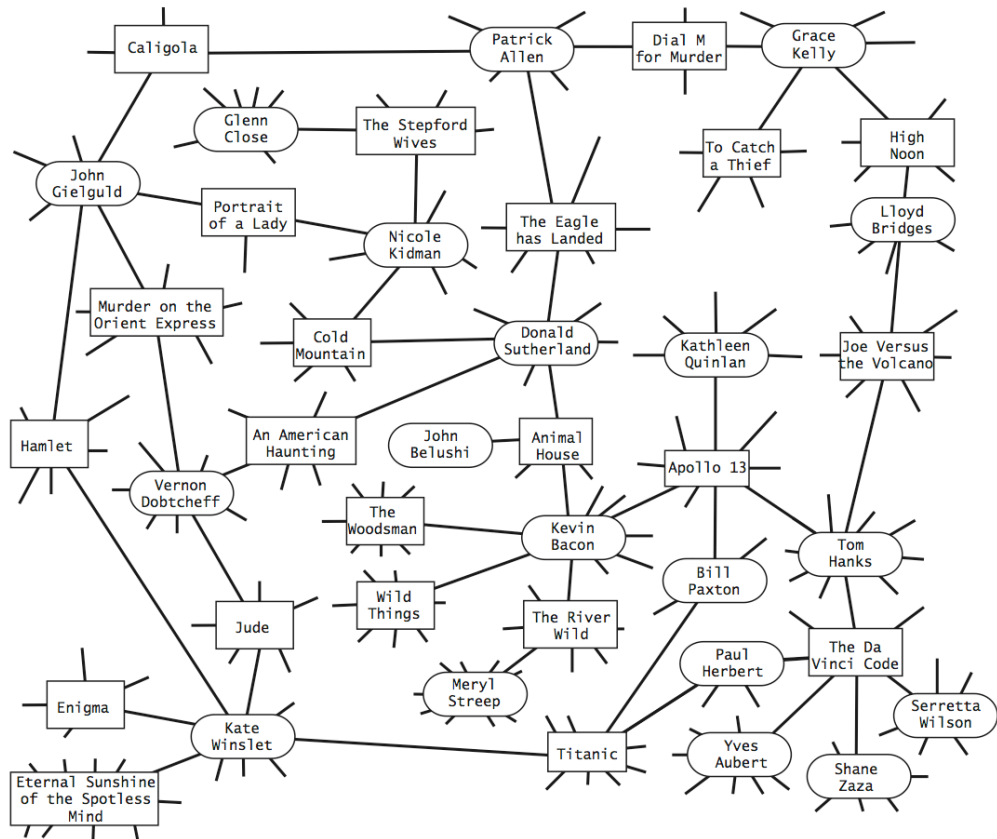
<http://www.imdb.com/interfaces>

# Internet Movie Database

Q. How to represent the movie-performer relationships?

A. Use a graph.

- Vertex: performer or movie.
- Edge: connect performer to movie.



# Graph API

## Graph data type.

```
public class Graph (graph with String vertices)
```

---

```
    Graph()
```

*create an empty graph*

```
    Graph(In in)
```

*read graph from input stream*

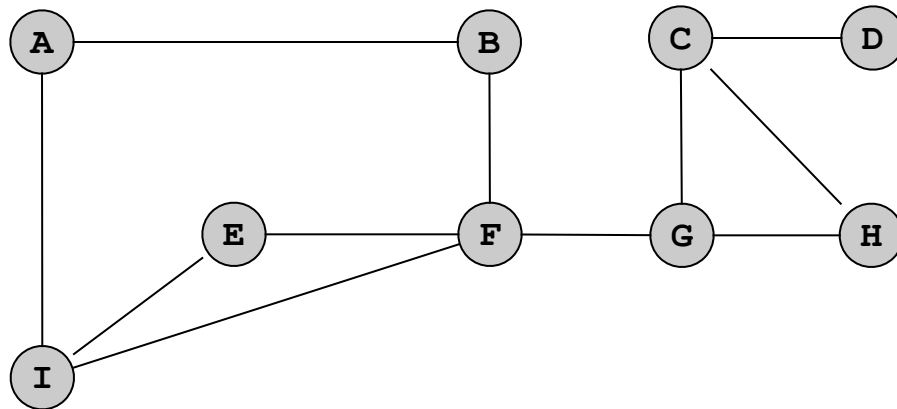
```
    void addEdge(String v, String w)
```

*add edge v-w*

```
    Iterable<String> adjacentTo(String v)
```

*neighbors of v*

*to support use with foreach*



```
% more tiny.txt
```

```
A/B/I
```

```
B/A/F
```

```
C/D/G/H
```

```
D/C
```

```
E/F/I
```

```
F/B/E/G/I
```

```
G/C/F/H
```

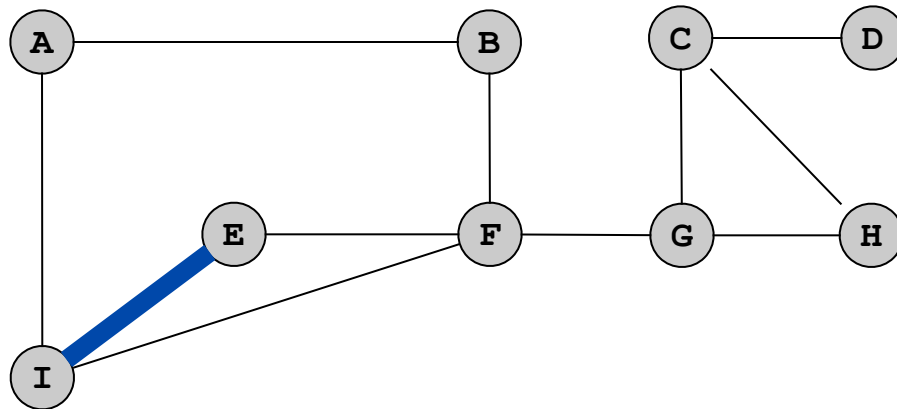
```
H/C/G
```

```
I/A/E/F
```

# Graph Representation

Graph representation: use a symbol table.

- Key = name of vertex.
- Value = set of neighbors.



String      SET<String>

key	value
A	B I
B	A F
C	D G H
D	C
E	I F
F	E B G I
G	C F H
H	C G
I	A E F

*symbol table*

# Set Data Type

*Set data type.* Unordered collection of distinct keys.

```
public class SET<Key extends Comparable<Key>>
```

---

SET()	<i>create a set</i>
boolean isEmpty()	<i>is the set empty?</i>
void add(Key key)	<i>add key to the set</i>
boolean contains(Key key)	<i>is key in the set?</i>

*Note: Implementations should also implement the Iterable<Key> interface to enable clients to access keys in sorted order with foreach loops*

**Q.** How to implement?

**A.** Identical to symbol table, but ignore values.

# Graph Implementation

```
public class Graph {
    private ST<String, SET<String>> st;

    public Graph() {
        st = new ST<String, SET<String>>();
    }

    public void addEdge(String v, String w) {
        if (!st.contains(v)) addVertex(v);
        if (!st.contains(w)) addVertex(w);
        st.get(v).add(w); ← add w to v's set of neighbors
        st.get(w).add(v); ← add v to w's set of neighbors
    }

    private void addVertex(String v) {
        st.put(v, new SET<String>()); ← add new vertex v
                                        with no neighbors
    }

    public Iterable<String> adjacentTo(String v) {
        return st.get(v);
    }
}
```

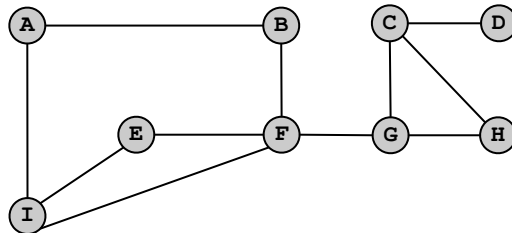


## Graph Implementation (continued)

Second constructor. To read graph from input stream.

```
public Graph(In in) {  
    st = new ST<String, SET<String>>();  
    while (!in.isEmpty()) {  
        String line = in.readLine();  
        String[] names = line.split("/");  
        for (int i = 1; i < names.length; i++)  
            addEdge(names[0], names[i]);  
    }  
}
```

```
In in = new In("tiny.txt");  
Graph G = new Graph(G, in);
```



```
% more tiny.txt
```

```
A/B/I  
B/A/F  
C/D/G/H  
D/C  
E/F/I  
F/B/E/G/I  
G/C/F/H  
H/C/G  
I/A/E/F
```

## Graph Client: Movie Finder

### Performer and movie queries.

- Given a performer, find all movies in which they appeared.
- Given a movie, find all performers.

```
public class MovieFinder {
    public static void main(String[] args) {

        In in    = new In(args[0]);    ← read in graph from a file
        Graph G = new Graph(in);

        while (!StdIn.isEmpty()) {    ← process queries
            String v = StdIn.readLine();
            for (String w : G.adjacentTo(v))
                StdOut.println(w);
        }
    }
}
```

## Graph Client: Movie Finder

```
% java MovieFinder action.txt
```

### **Bacon, Kevin**

Death Sentence (2007)  
River Wild, The (1994)  
Tremors (1990)

### **Roberts, Julia**

Blood Red (1989)  
I Love Trouble (1994)  
Mexican, The (2001)  
Ocean's Eleven (2001)

### **Tilghman, Shirley**

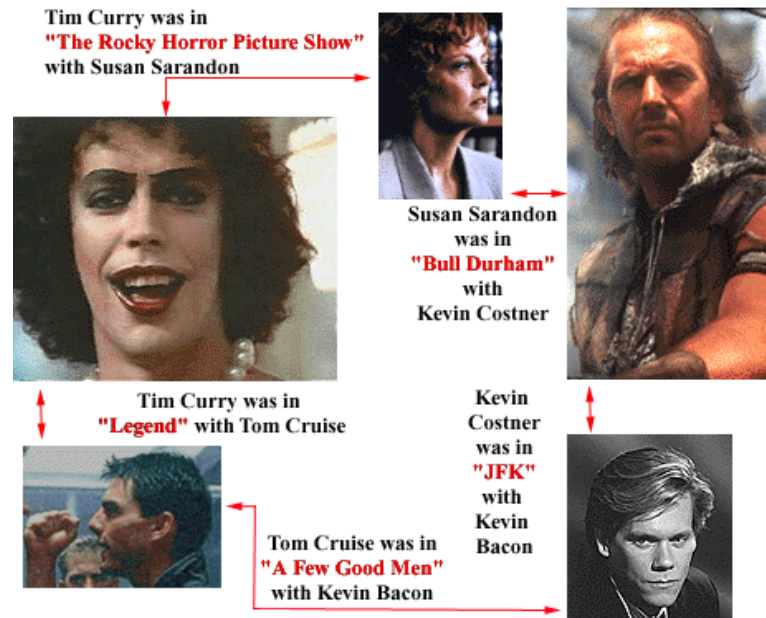
```
% java MovieFinder mpaa.txt
```

### **Bacon, Kevin**

Air I Breathe, The (2007)  
Air Up There, The (1994)  
Animal House (1978)  
Apollo 13 (1995)  
Balto (1995)  
Beauty Shop (2005)  
Big Picture, The (1989)  
...  
Sleepers (1996)  
Starting Over (1979)  
Stir of Echoes (1999)  
Telling Lies in America (1997)  
Trapped (2002)  
Tremors (1990)  
We Married Margo (2000)  
Where the Truth Lies (2005)  
White Water Summer (1987)  
Wild Things (1998)  
Woodsman, The (2004)

# Kevin Bacon Numbers

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# Oracle of Kevin Bacon

The Oracle of Bacon

http://www.oracleofbacon.org/cgi-bin/movielinks?game=0&firstname=Kevin+Baco

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## THE ORACLE OF BACON

Help  
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Buzz Mauro  
was in  
Sweet Dreams (2005)  
with  
Tatiana Ramirez  
was in  
Interior de un silencio, El (2005)  
with  
Andres Suarez  
was in  
Carlita's Secret (2004)  
with  
Paula Lemes (I)  
was in  
Frost/Nixon (2008)  
with  
Kevin Bacon

Kevin Bacon to Buzz Mauro Find link More options >>

# Kevin Bacon Game

**Game.** Given an actor or actress, find shortest chain of movies connecting them to Kevin Bacon.

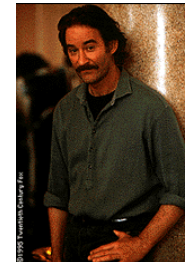
Actor	Was in	With
Whoopi Goldberg	Ghost	Patrick Swayze
Patrick Swayze	Dirty Dancing	Jennifer Gray
Jennifer Gray	Ferris Beuller's Day Off	Matthew Broderick
Matthew Broderick	The Road to Wellville	John Cusack
John Cusack	Bullets Over Broadway	Dianne West
Dianne West	Footloose	Kevin Bacon
Kevin Bacon		



Harrison Ford was in "Raiders of the Lost Ark" with Karen Allen



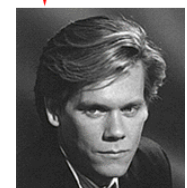
Karen Allen was in "Animal House" with Kevin Bacon



Kevin Kline was in "French Kiss" with Meg Ryan

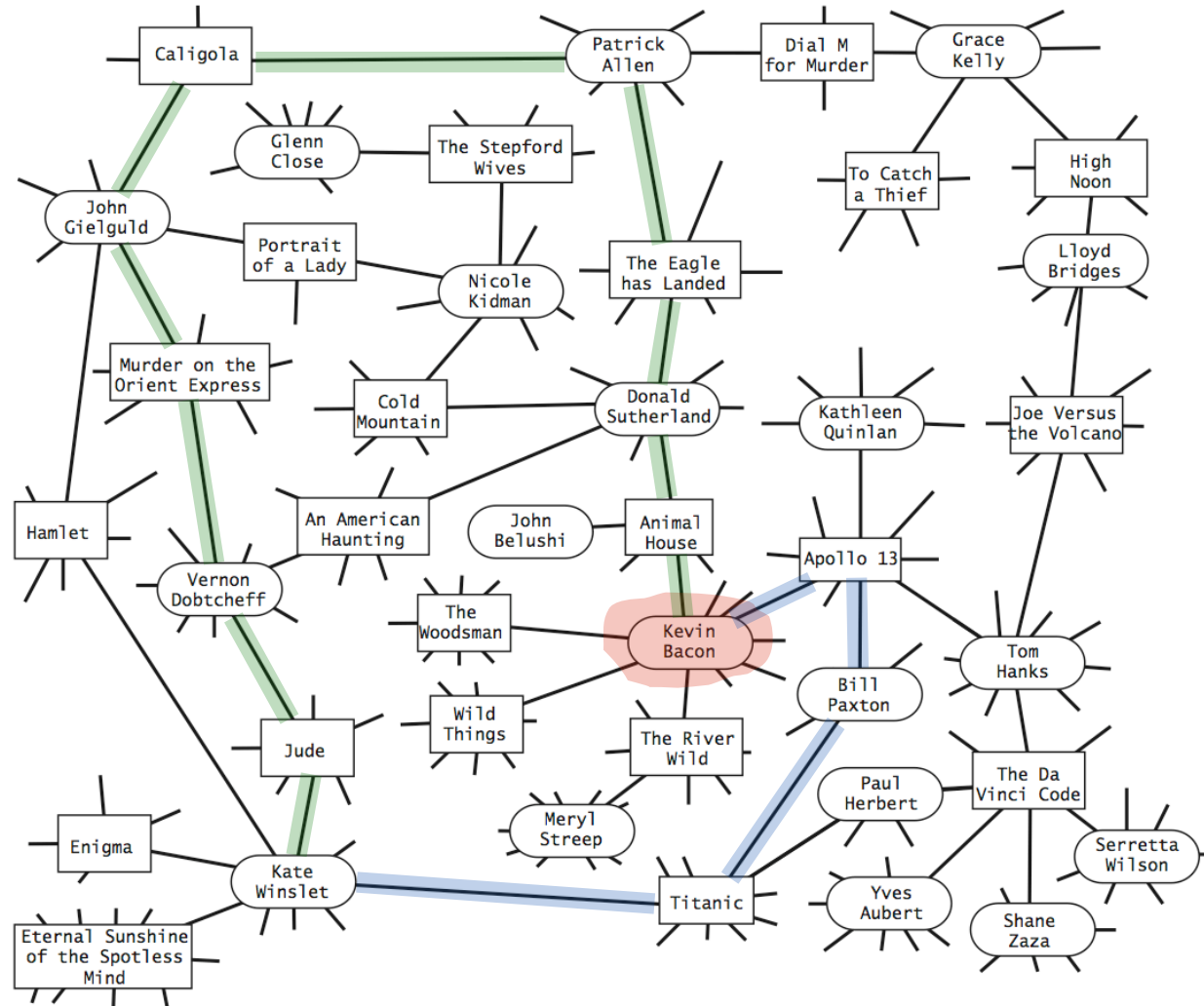


Meg Ryan was in "Sleepless in Seattle" with Tom Hanks



# Computing Bacon Numbers

How to compute. Find shortest path in performer-movie graph.



# PathFinder API

## PathFinder API.

```
public class PathFinder
```

---

```
    PathFinder(Graph G, String s)
```

*constructor*

```
    int distanceTo(String v)
```

*length of shortest path  
from s to v in G*

```
    Iterable<String> pathTo(String v)
```

*shortest path  
from s to v in G*

## Design principles.

- Decouple graph algorithm from graph data type.
- Avoid feature creep: don't encrust Graph with search features; instead make a new datatype.



# Computing Bacon Numbers: Java Implementation

```
public class Bacon {
    public static void main(String[] args) {

        In in = new In(args[0]);           ← read in the graph from a file
        Graph G = new Graph(in);

        String s = "Bacon, Kevin";
        Pathfinder finder = new Pathfinder(G, s); ← create object to
                                                return shortest paths

        while (!StdIn.isEmpty()) {        ← process queries
            String performer = StdIn.readLine();
            for (String v : finder.pathTo(s))
                StdOut.println(v);
        }
    }
}
```

```
% java Bacon top-grossing.txt
Stallone, Sylvester
Rocky III (1982)
Tamburro, Charles A.
Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991)
Berkeley, Xander
Apollo 13 (1995)
Bacon, Kevin
```

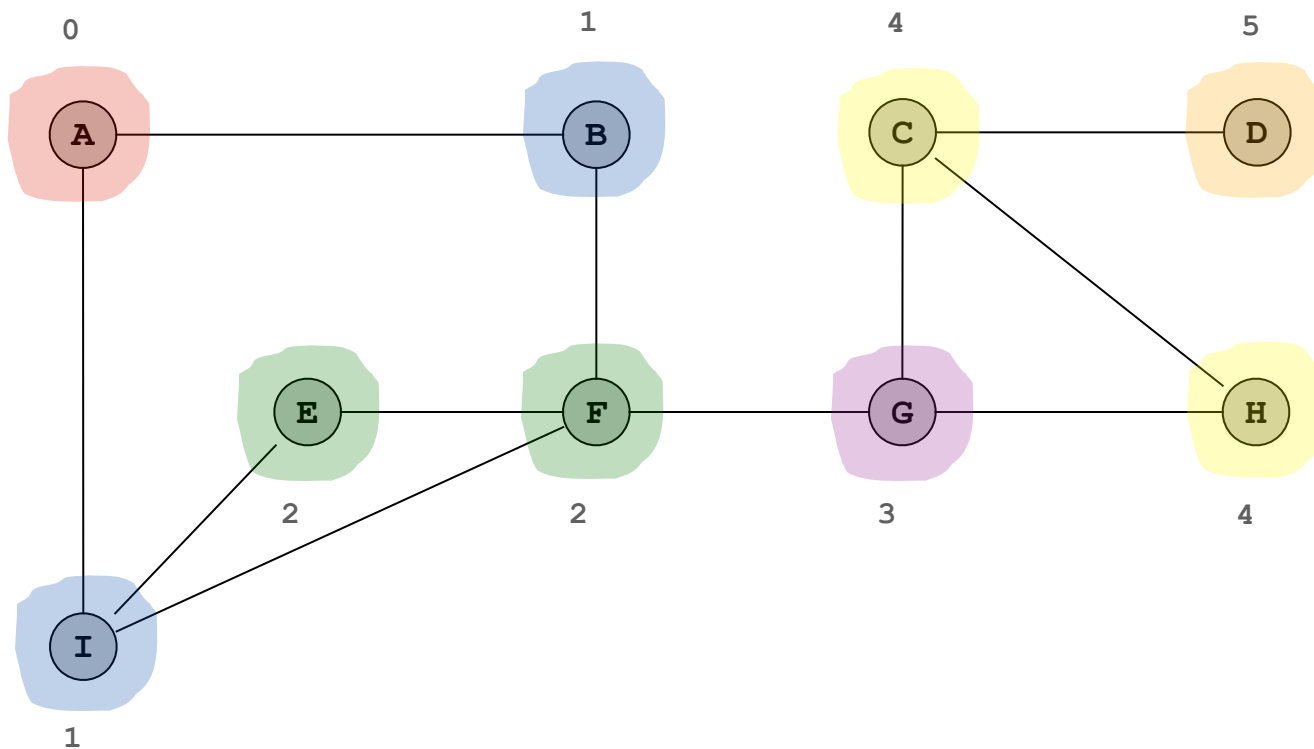
```
% java Bacon top-grossing.txt
Goldberg, Whoopi
Sister Act (1992)
Grodénchik, Max
Apollo 13 (1995)
Bacon, Kevin

Tilghman, Shirley
```

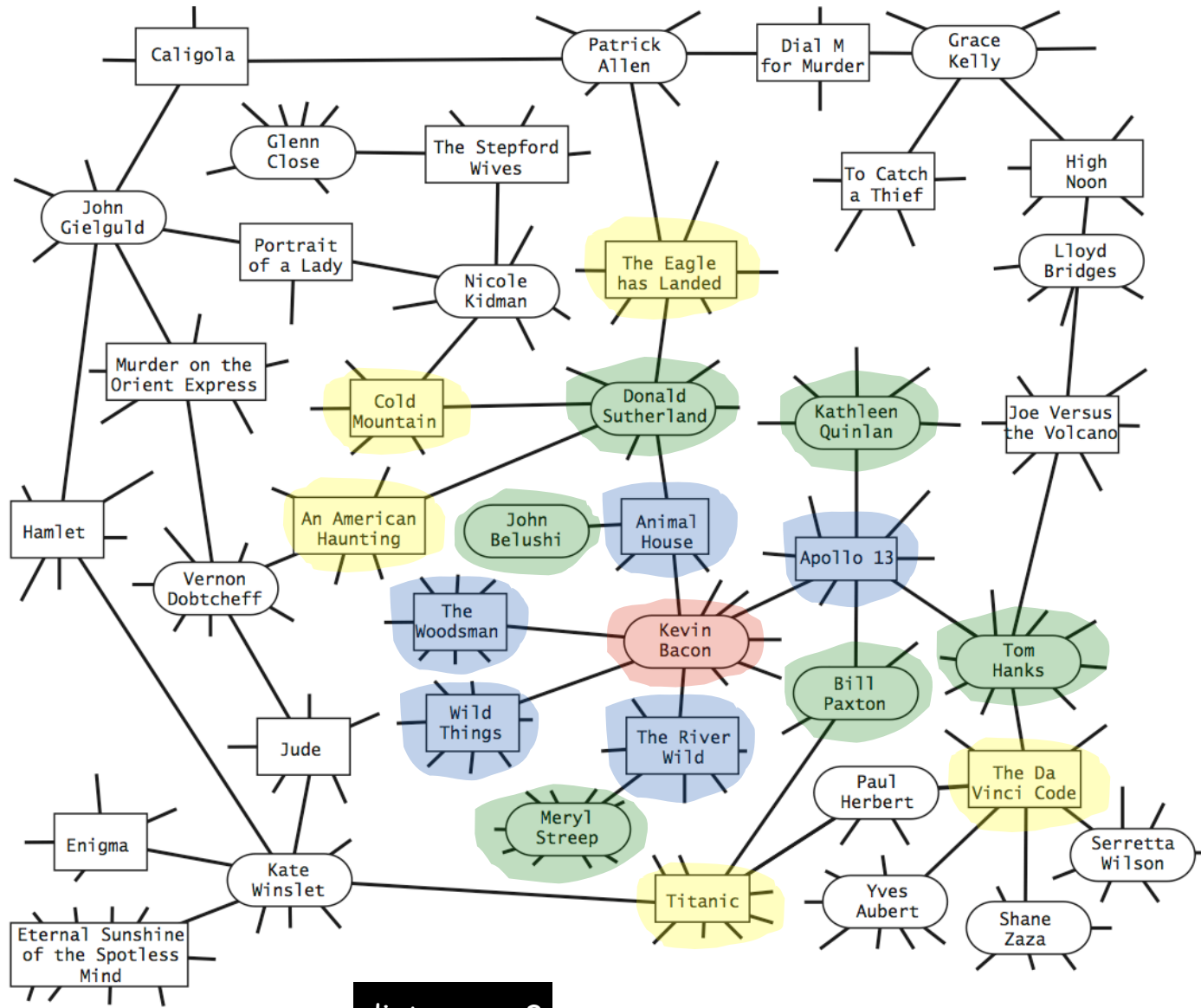
# Computing Shortest Paths

To compute shortest paths:

- Source vertex is at distance 0.
- Its neighbors are at distance 1.
- Their remaining neighbors are at distance 2.
- Their remaining neighbors are at distance 3.
- ...



# Computing Shortest Paths



distance = 3

# Breadth First Search

**Goal.** Given a vertex  $s$ , find shortest path to every other vertex  $v$ .

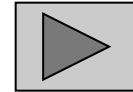
BFS from source vertex  $s$

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Put  $s$  onto a FIFO queue.

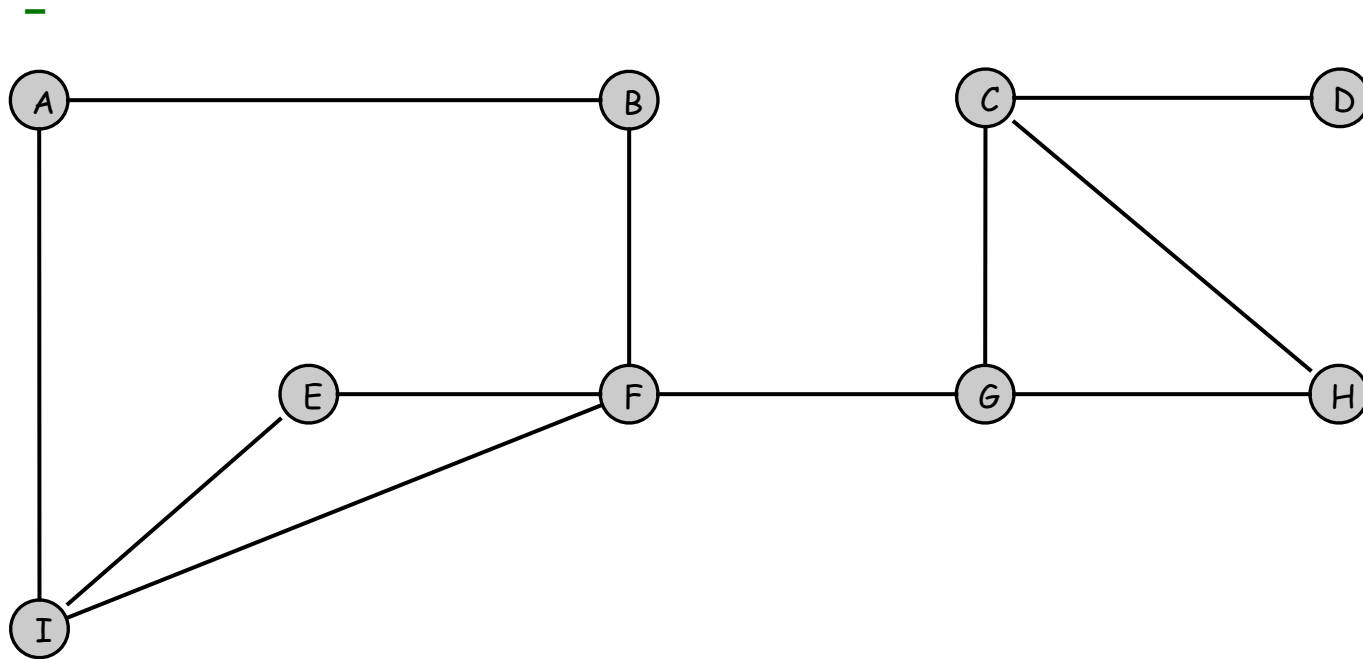
Repeat until the queue is empty:

- dequeue the least recently added vertex  $v$
  - add each of  $v$ 's unvisited neighbors to the queue, and mark them as visited.
- 



**Key observation.** Vertices are visited in increasing order of distance from  $s$  because we use a FIFO queue.

# Breadth First Search

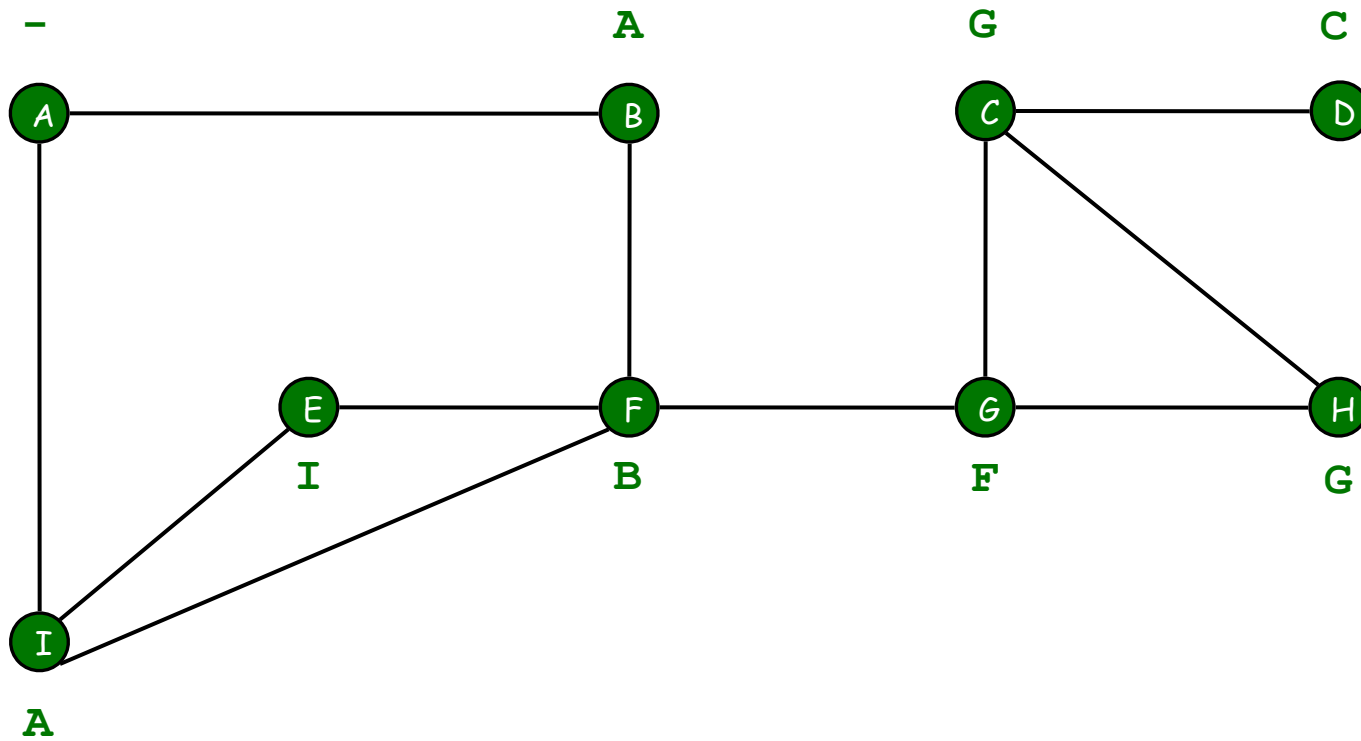


front



FIFO Queue

# Breadth First Search



STOP

front



FIFO Queue

## Breadth First Searcher: Preprocessing

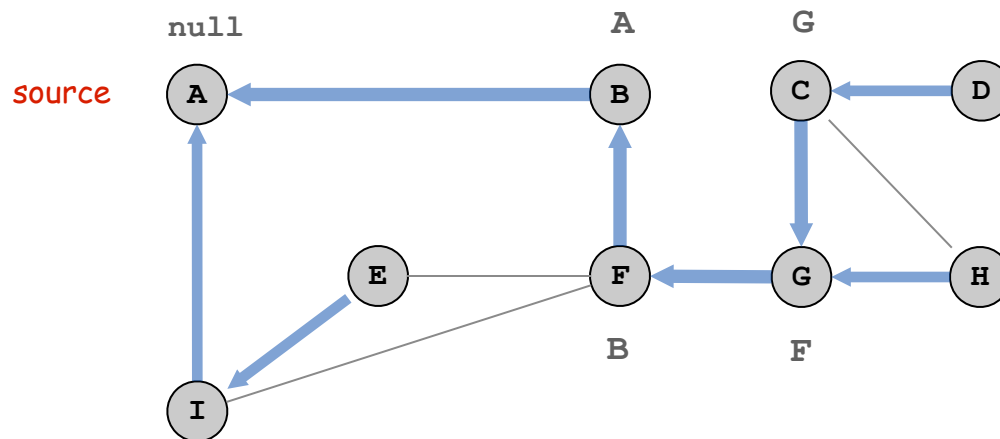
```
public class Pathfinder {
    private ST<String, String> prev = new ST<String, String>();
    private ST<String, Integer> dist = new ST<String, Integer>();

    public Pathfinder(Graph G, String s) {
        Queue<String> q = new Queue<String>();
        q.enqueue(s);
        dist.put(s, 0);
        while (!q.isEmpty()) {
            String v = q.dequeue();
            for (String w : G.adjacentTo(v)) {
                if (!dist.contains(w)) {
                    q.enqueue(w);
                    dist.put(w, 1 + dist.get(v));
                    prev.put(w, v);
                }
            }
        }
        // other Pathfinder methods go here
    }
}
```

## Breadth First Searcher: Finding the Path

To find shortest path: follow `prev[]` from vertex `v` back to source `s`.

- Consider vertices: `v`, `prev[v]`, `prev[prev[v]]`, ..., `s`.
- Ex: shortest path from `c` to `A`: `C - G - F - B - A`



key	prev	dist
A	-	0
B	A	1
C	G	4
D	C	5
E	I	2
F	B	2
G	F	3
H	G	4
I	A	1

*symbol tables*

```
public Iterable<String> pathTo(String v) {
    Stack<String> path = new Stack<String>();
    while (dist.containsKey(v)) {
        path.push(v);
        v = prev.get(v);
    }
    return path;
}
```



# Running Time Analysis

**Analysis.** BFS *scales* to solve huge problems.

data File	movies	performers	edges	read input	build graph	BFS	pathTo
G.txt	1,288	21,177	28K	0.26 sec	0.52 sec	0.32 sec	0 sec
PG13.txt	2,538	70,325	100K	0.31 sec	0.99 sec	0.72 sec	0 sec
action.txt	14,938	139,861	270K	0.72 sec	2.8 sec	2.0 sec	0 sec
mpaa.txt	21,861	280,624	610K	2.1 sec	7.5 sec	5.5 sec	0 sec
all.txt	285,462	933,864	3.3M	15 sec	56 sec	39 sec	0 sec

\  
60MB

*data as of April 9, 2007*

# Data Analysis

**Exercise.** Compute histogram of Kevin Bacon numbers.

**Input.** 285,462 movies, 933,864 actors.

Bacon #	Frequency
0	1
1	2,249
2	218,088
3	561,161
4	111,149
5	7,905
6	903
7	100
8	14
$\infty$	32,294

Buzz Mauro, Jessica Drizd, Pablo Capussi  
Argentine short film *Sweet Dreams* (2005)

Fred Ott, solo actor in  
*Fred Ott Holding a Bird* (1894)

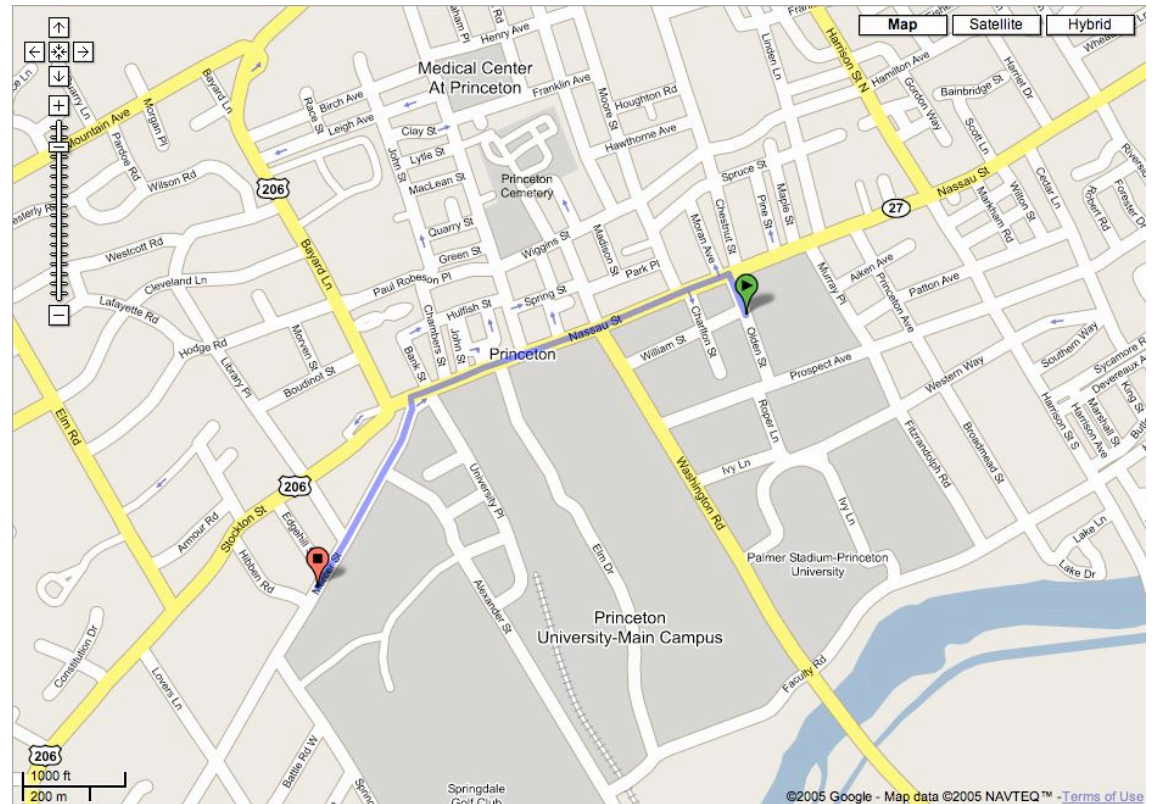
*data as of April 9, 2007*

# Applications of Breadth First Search

## More BFS applications.

- Particle tracking.
- Image processing.
- Crawling the Web.
- Routing Internet packets.
- ...

## Extensions. Google maps.



# Erdős Numbers

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# Erdős Numbers

Paul Erdős. Legendary, brilliant, prolific mathematician who wrote over 1500 papers!

What's your Erdős number?

- Co-authors of a paper with Erdős: 1.
- Co-authors of those co-authors: 2.
- And so on ...



Paul Erdős (1913-1996)

Erdős #	Frequency
0	1
1	502
2	5,713
3	26,422
4	62,136
5	66,157
6	32,280
7	10,431
8	3,214
9	953
10	262
11	94
12	23
13	4
14	7
15	1
$\infty$	4 billion +



## Conclusions

Linked list. Ordering of elements.

Binary tree. Hierarchical structure of elements.

Graph. Pairwise connections between elements.

### Data structures.

- Queue: linked list.
- Set: binary tree.
- Symbol table: binary tree.
- Graph: symbol table of sets.
- Breadth first searcher: graph + queue + symbol table.

### Importance of data structures.

- Enables us to build and debug large programs.
- Enables us to solve large problems efficiently.