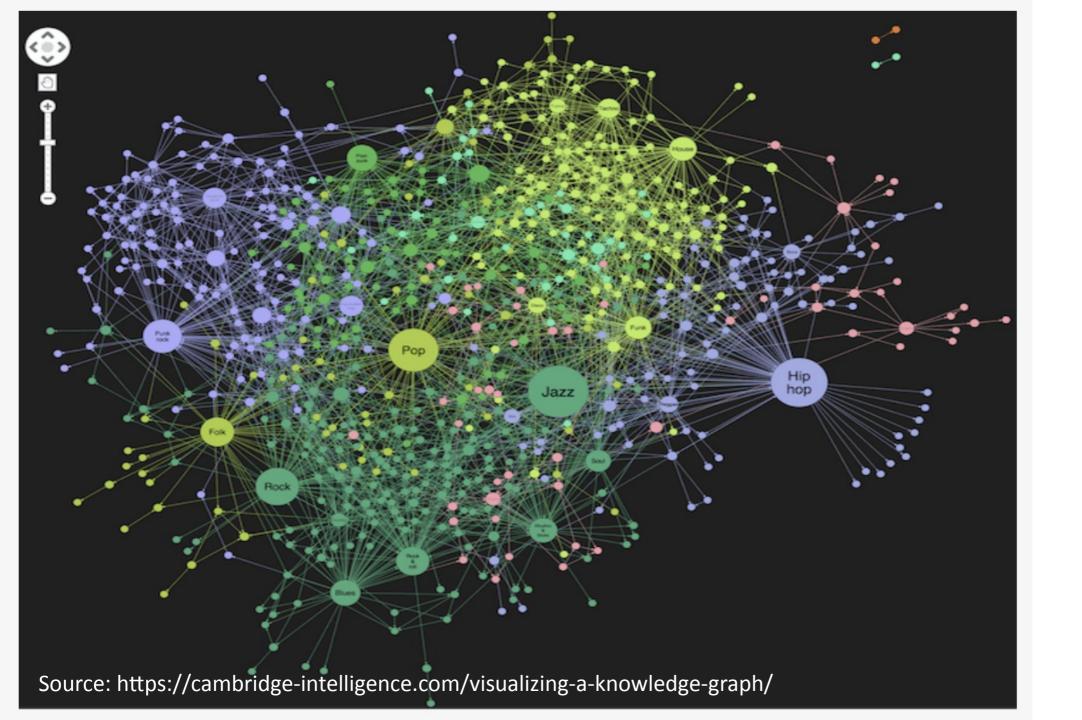
# Navigating a Network Maze A Multi-Architectural Perspective

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#### What's a node?

- A name representing a concept.
- Or... An abstract unit of meaning that can
  - Be represented by zero to multiple names.

## What's a link ?

- A predicate that is part of an ontology
- A semantic relationship between nodes

#### The Resource Description Framework

- Based on Triples: Subject Predicate Object
- Predicates are most often chosen from a pre-defined list
- Subjects and objects have properties
- Rules describing object properties and predicate logic are defined in ontologies.

## The Topic Maps Architecture

- Topics are computer-representation of units of meaning.
- Topics can be freely associated with any other.
- Topics can point to external resources, relevant to their meaning.
- Topics occupy a "topic space". They are interconnected through a "topic map".

# Human vs. Machine Processing

- Topic Maps is optimized for human interaction
  - Initially designed to capture the indexes of books.
- RDF is optimized for machine processing
  - Integration of data sets within specific industries. Ex. Travel

# Disruptive Big Data Leads to Al

- The amount of data considered has overwhelmed the existing architectures.
  - Ontologies are hard to define, and even harder to maintain over time.
  - Human-only systems are not appropriate for big amounts of data.
- Al presented as a viable solution. (Self-generated algorithms will take care of everything).
  - Less humans required
  - More efficient, Less costly
  - Does it really deliver? It remains to be seen.

# Two usages of data

- Fishing what's out there.
  - Collect existing data and try to make sense of some of it.
  - Some data may be missed, but nobody won't notice.
- Showing what you own.
  - Render known data in efficient ways
  - Issuer is liable for data quality, accuracy, precision and completeness.
- No technology-fits-all.

### Workflow

- Collect data: ETL, Search Engine, ChatGPT, Natural Language Processing, Image Recognition, etc.
- Curate data: Check, Quality Control, Assessment by Subject Matter Experts
- Feedback loop:
  - Improve the algorithms for the next iterations (Machine-Learning)
  - Connect a human-maintained knowledge base to the data collected.

# Applications

- IRS Tax Map
- NYU: Enhanced Networked Monographs
- Mapping of overlapping Auditing/Accounting Standards

## The Networker, as Middleware

- Integration of multiple data sets in various formats: Spreadsheets, Databases, JSON, XML, HTML, Text, etc.
  - Using customized, automated pipelines
- Curation of the results with a user interface that can be directly usable by non-technical personnel
- Output in a format that is compatible with the technology stack.

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