



# Visualizing the AAI Data Model

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# AAI in ONAP

- AAI delivered 13 Microservices in the Dublin release helm charts
- CRUD Microservices
  - Resources
  - Traversal
  - Graphadmin
  - Schema Service
- User Interface
  - Sparky (AAIUI)
  - Search Data Service
  - Data Router
  - Elasticsearch
- TOSCA Processing
  - Model Loader
  - Babel
- Other (future looking)
  - Gizmo
  - Champ
  - Spike

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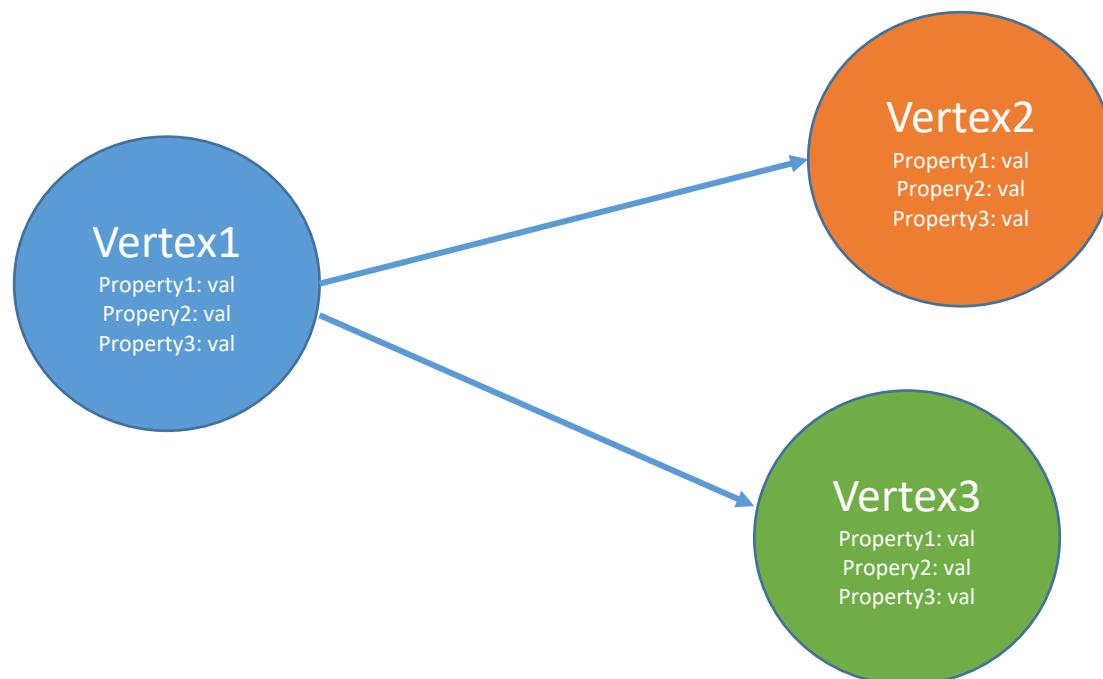
- AAI has additional microservices that are not included in the Demo helm charts
  - Graphgraph
  - Cacher
  - Chameleon
  - Gallifrey
- During the Dublin release, the modeling subcommittee requested an initiative to reverse engineer the AAI data model
- To that end, the community has produced several different but complementary views of the AAI data model

# AAI In ONAP

- This presentation will cover the following:
  - AAI Graph Basics
  - The AAI Data Model Browser
  - GraphGraph
  - PlantUML
  - Papyrus
  - Custom Queries
  - DSL Queries

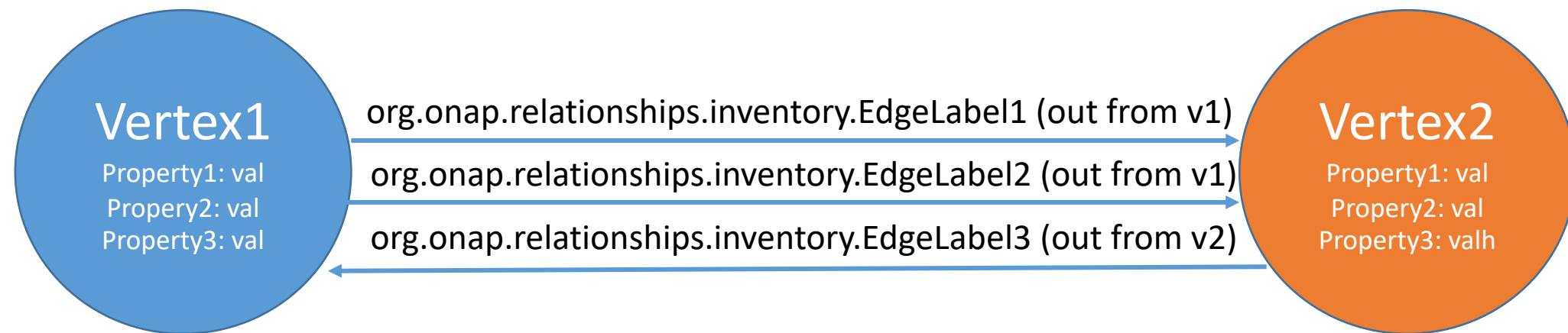
# AAI Graph Basics

- A&AI uses [Janusgraph](#) for persistence which is a property graph model, where a graph is a set of vertices with edges between them.
- JanusGraph stores graphs in adjacency list format which means that a graph is stored as a collection of vertices with their adjacency list.



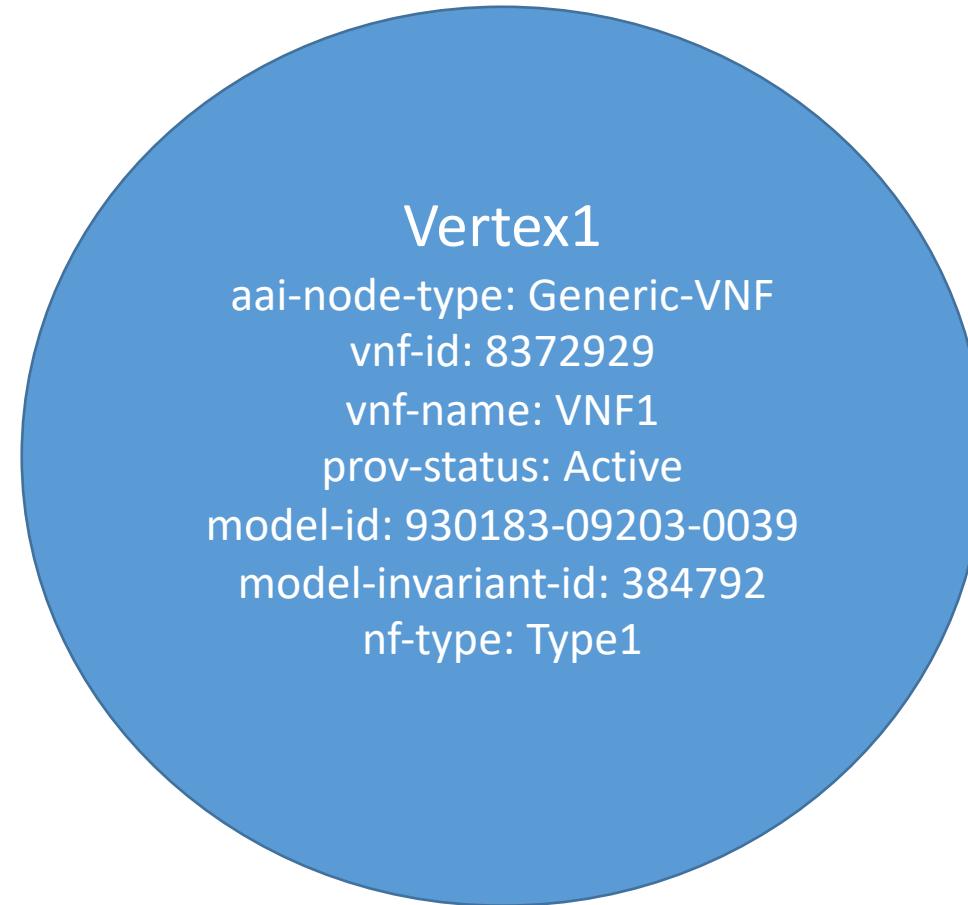
# AAI Graph Basics

- The adjacency list of a vertex contains all of the vertex's incident edges (and properties).



# AAI Graph Basics

- A vertex is the fundamental unit of the graph and represents an object.  
Vertex can have properties to describe the object.



# AAI Graph Basics

- An edge is a connection between two vertices that expresses a relationship between them. An edge can have a multiplicity, direction, and properties.

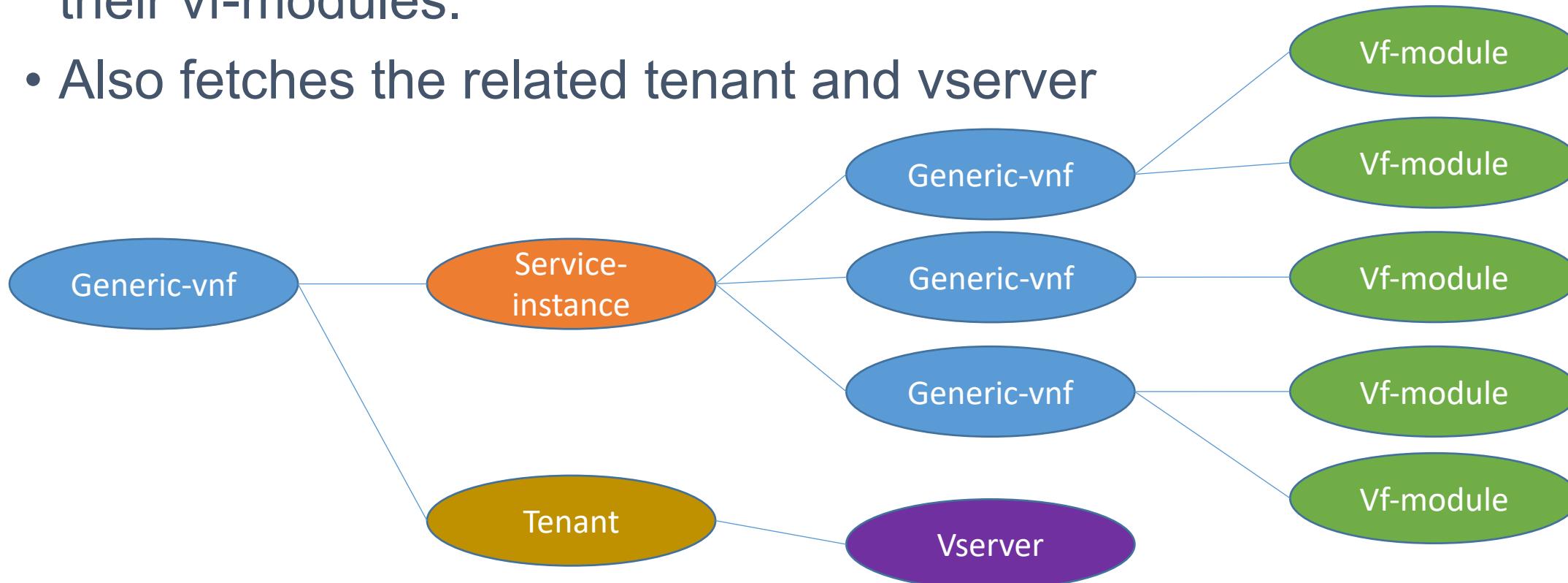
```
{  
    "from": "vf-module",  
    "to": "generic-vnf",  
    "label": "org.onap.relationships.inventory.BelongsTo",  
    "direction": "OUT",  
    "multiplicity": "MANY2ONE",  
    "contains-other-v": "${direction}",  
    "delete-other-v": "${direction}",  
    "prevent-delete": "NONE",  
    "default": "true",  
    "description": ""  
},
```

# AAI Graph Basics

- Traversal is the process of analyzing a graph's structure.
- Traversals discover and return information about edges, vertices, and their properties.
- In graph databases, the relationship is a primary component of the data model and traversing from vertex to edge to vertex and beyond is the primary mechanism for querying the data within the model.

# AAI Graph Basics

- Traversal Example: A custom query that starts at a generic-vnf, follows the edge to the service-instance, then gets all connected vnfs and their vf-modules.
- Also fetches the related tenant and vserver



# AAI Data Model

- AAI uses a Graph Database based on JanusGraph / Titan
- AAI's APIs are driven by its data model
- EclipseLink MOXy is the foundation of the AAI schema
- Types and their attributes are defined in OXM (Object to XML Mapping)
- Relationships – cousin and parent edges – are defined in a custome Edge Rules configuration (JSON)
- Nested objects and object reuse means that we have a huge number of endpoints
- Visualizing the data model is difficult
- Visualization from the swagger API is a messy eyechart
- Visualization without filtering out operational objects is also difficult

# Model Browser

- Table-based view of the AAI data model
- Allows users to browse all installed versions of the AAI data model
- Provides navigation to browse nodes to which AAI has a

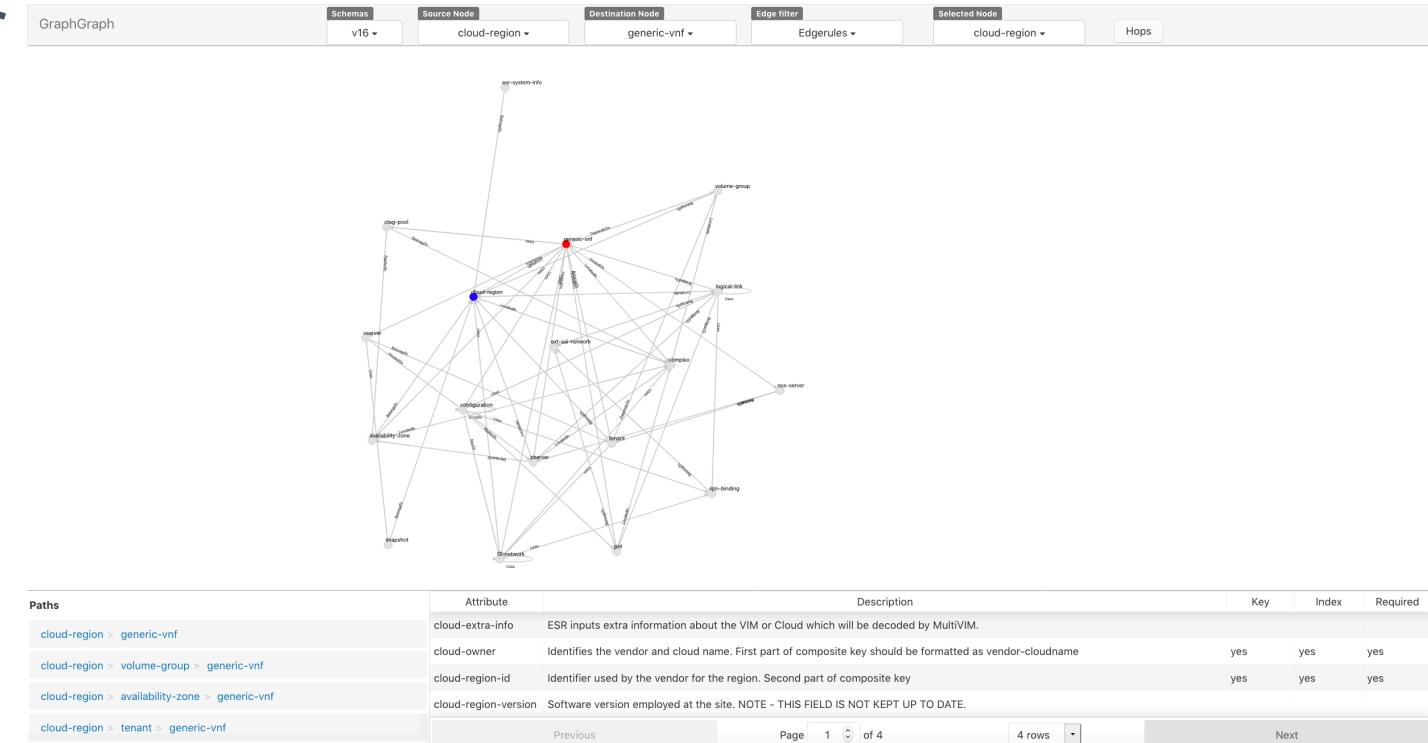
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Object Type: service-instance						
Description: Instance of a service						
attr	Type	Description	Key	Idx	Srch	Req
bandwidth-total	java.lang.String	Indicates the total bandwidth to be used for this service.				
created-at	java.lang.String	create time of Network Service.				
description	java.lang.String	short description for service-instance.				
environment-context	java.lang.String	This field will store the environment context assigned to the service-instance.	yes			
input-parameters	java.lang.String	String capturing request parameters from SO to pass to Closed Loop.				
model-invariant-id	java.lang.String	the ASDC model id for this resource or service model.	yes			
model-version-id	java.lang.String	the ASDC model version for this resource or service model.	yes			
orchestration-status	java.lang.String	Orchestration status of this service.	yes			
persona-model-version	java.lang.String	the ASDC model version for this resource or service model.				
resource-version	java.lang.String	Used for optimistic concurrency. Must be empty on create, valid on update and delete.				
selflink	java.lang.String	Path to the controller object.				
service-instance-id	java.lang.String	Uniquely identifies this instance of a service	true	yes	yes	yes
service-instance-location-id	java.lang.String	An identifier that customers assign to the location where this service is being used.	yes			
service-instance-name	java.lang.String	This field will store a name assigned to the service-instance.	yes	yes		
service-role	java.lang.String	String capturing the service role.				
service-type	java.lang.String	String capturing type of service.				
updated-at	java.lang.String	last update of Network Service.				
vhn-portal-url	java.lang.String	URL customers will use to access the vHN Portal.				
widget-model-id	java.lang.String	the ASDC data dictionary widget model. This maps directly to the A&AI widget.	yes			
widget-model-version	java.lang.String	the ASDC data dictionary version of the widget model. This maps directly to the A&AI version of the widget.	yes			
workload-context	java.lang.String	This field will store the workload context assigned to the service-instance.	yes			
allotted-resources	<a href="#">inventory.aai.onap.org.v16.AllottedResources</a>	This object is used to store slices of services being offered				
metadata	<a href="#">inventory.aai.onap.org.v16.Metadata</a>	Collection of metadatum (key/value pairs)				
relationship-list	<a href="#">inventory.aai.onap.org.v16.RelationshipList</a>					

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# GraphGraph

- Pavel Paroulek has developed “Graphgraph” for the Frankfurt release of AAI
- Graphgraph examines the AAI schema and presents it in a User interface using React UI
- Graphgraph displays multiple dynamic views for understanding types and relationships in AAI



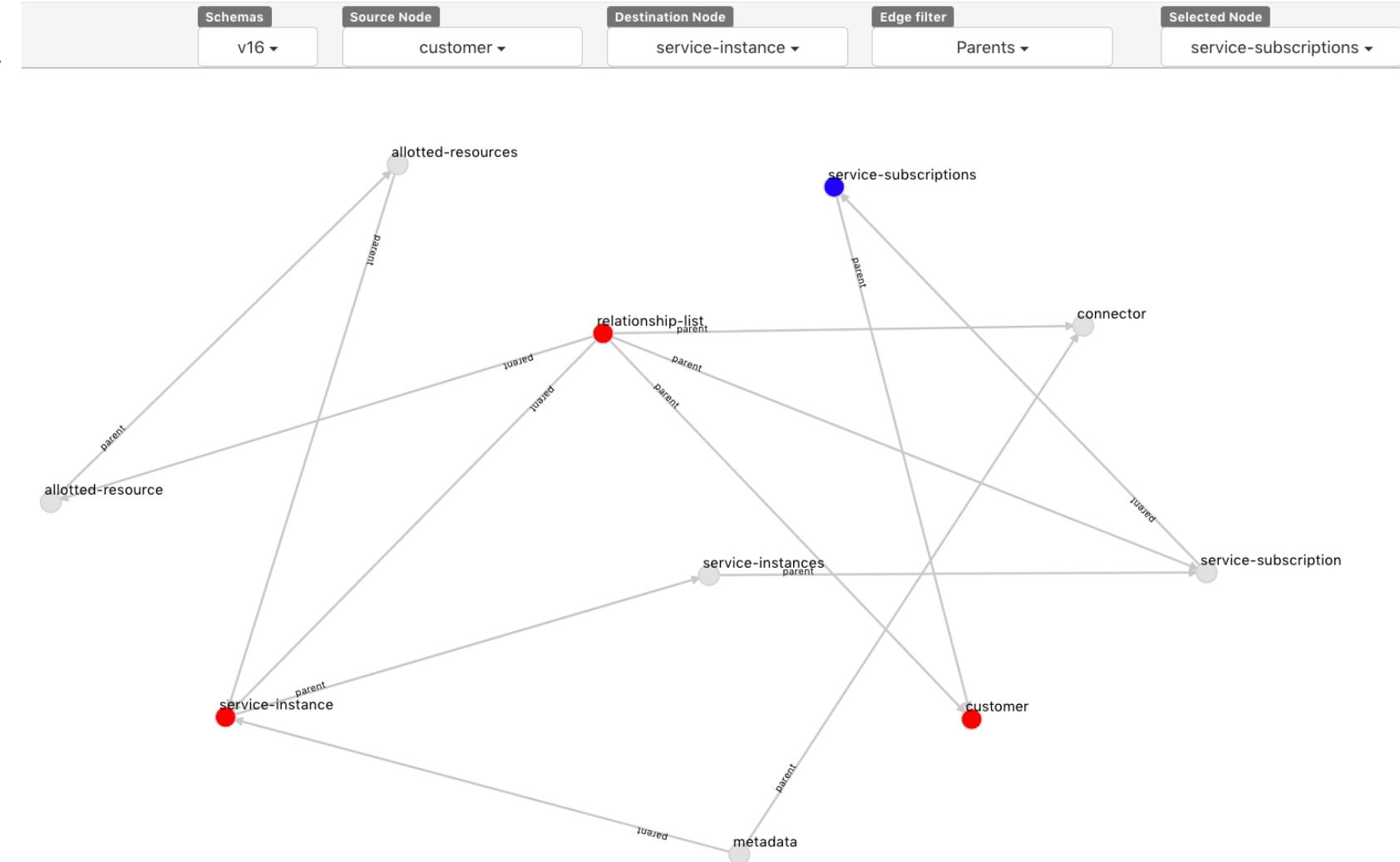
# GraphGraph

- Graphgraph allows a very high view of the graph that shows the complexity of the schema and all the various ways the hierarchy can be arranged.



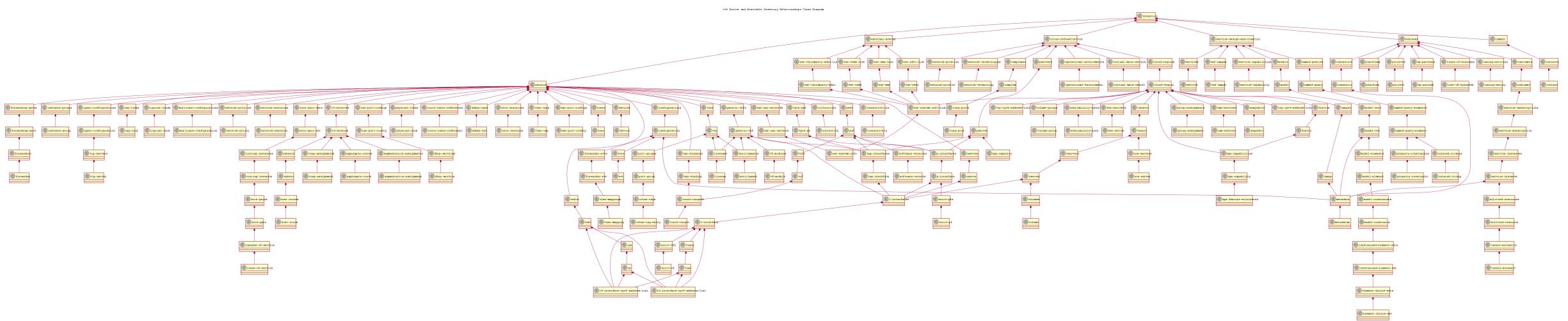
# GraphGraph

- Graphgraph allows a user to zoom into a specific set of types and see how they are related
- In this example, you can visualize how the customer / service-subscription / service-instance objects are related



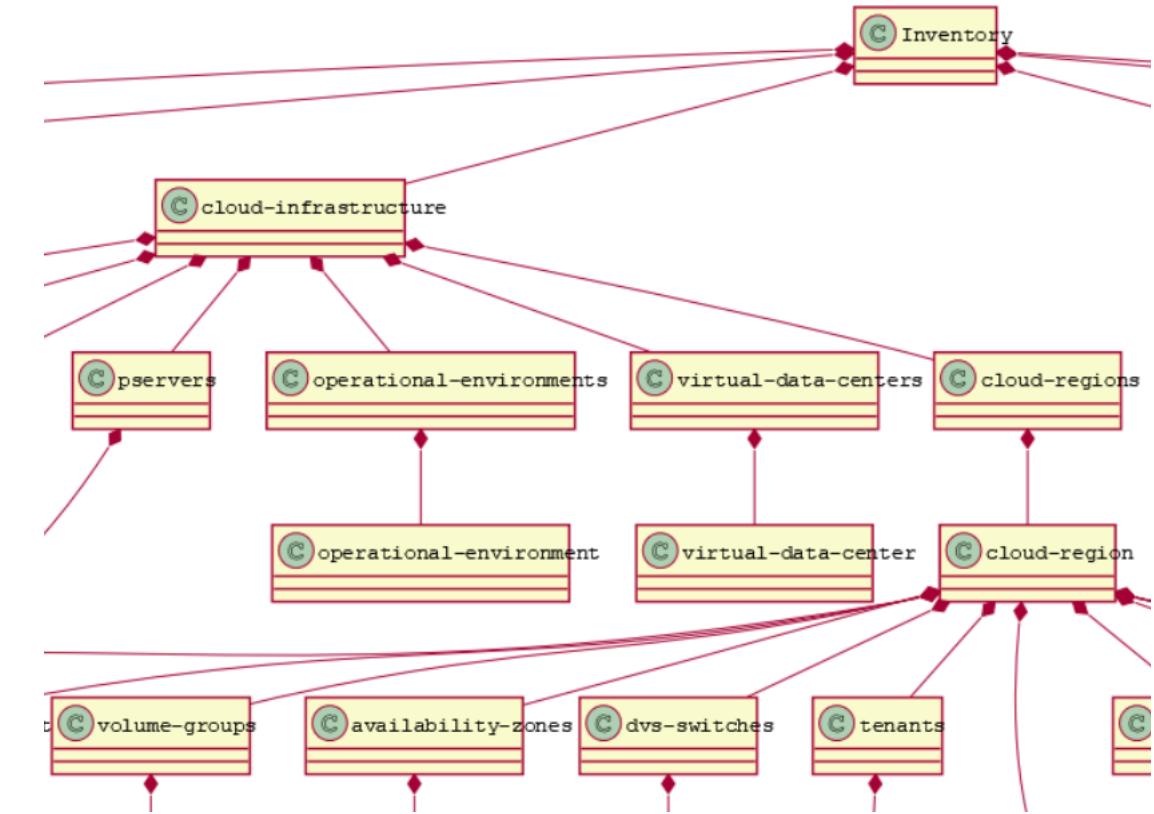
# Plant UML – Schema View

- Keong Lim has developed a sequence of steps to parse the AAI data model and create Plant UML diagrams
- Below is an example schema which shows a hierarchical view of the OXM data, and shows the nesting / inheritance in the AAI schema



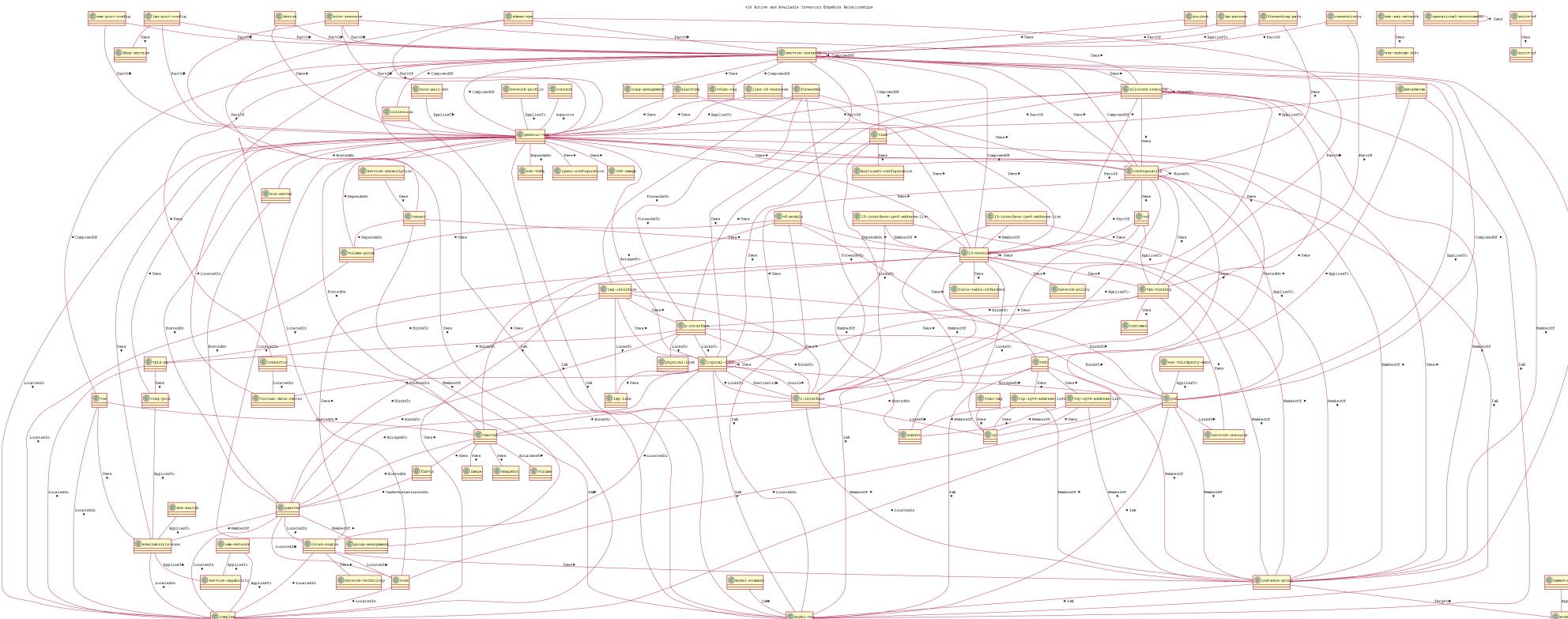
# Plant UML – Schema View

- This provides an excellent visualization of the schema and the way objects are nested w/ BelongsTo relationships
- Inventory is the top node and the root of the schema, and the all the types are connected it.
- In this example, you can see how the AAI URIs are created, a tenant's URI is:
- /aai/vX/cloud-infrastructure/cloud-regions/cloud-region/{cloud-owner}/{cloud-region-id}/tenant/{tenant-id}



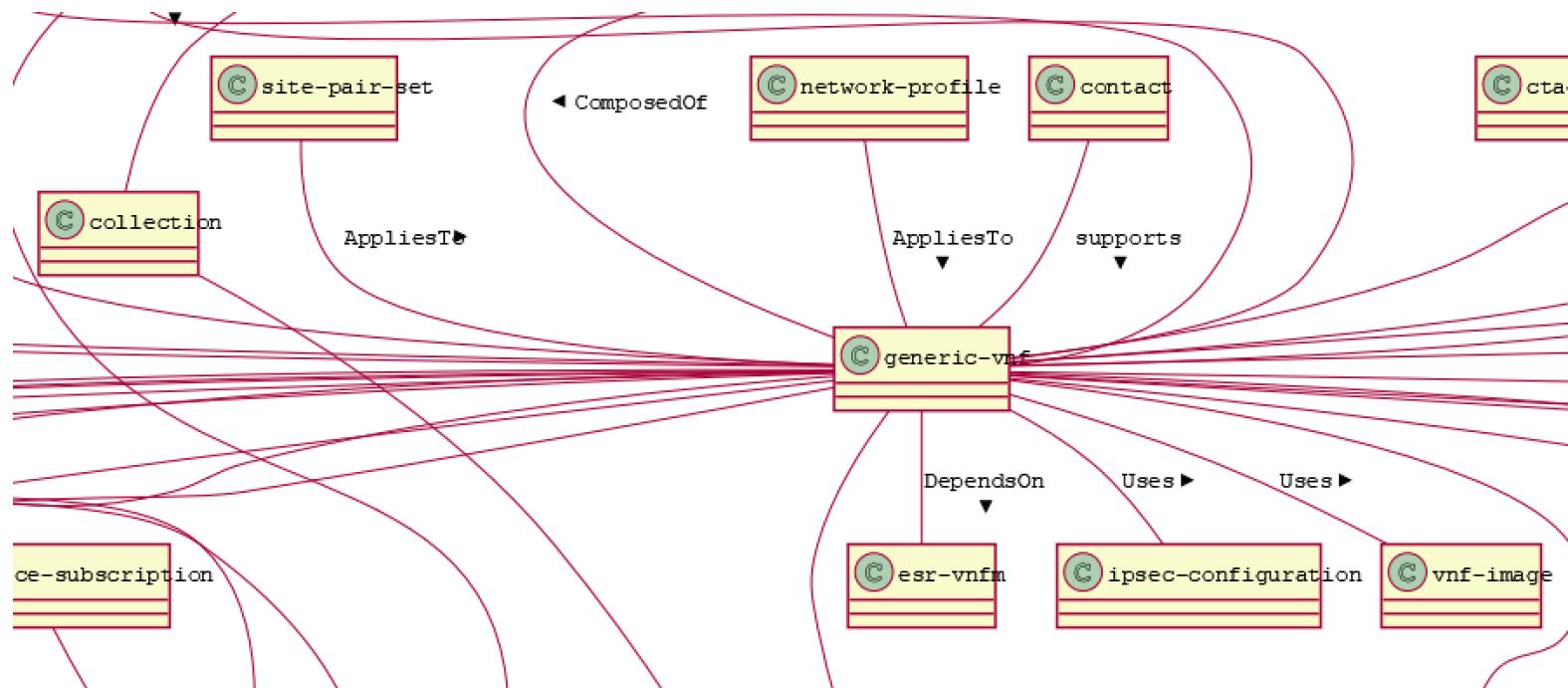
# Plant UML – Edges View

- This chart shows how nodes are connected – as “cousin” edges
- These relationships are critical for traversals and are represented in the REST api in relationship-list objects



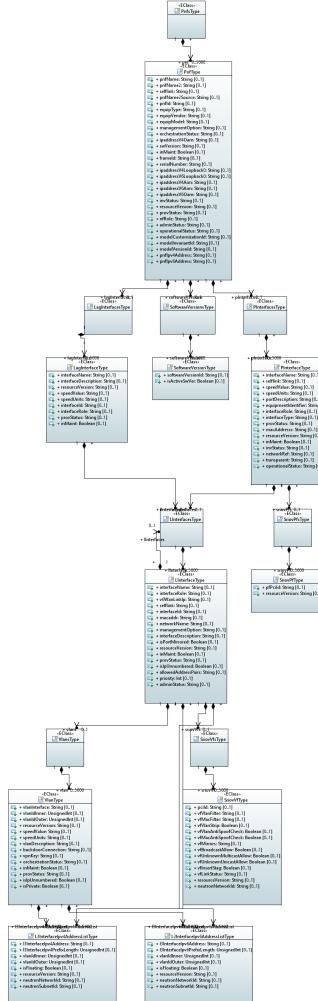
# Plant UML – Edges View

- In this example, you can see that generic-vnf can be connected to a large number of other object types.



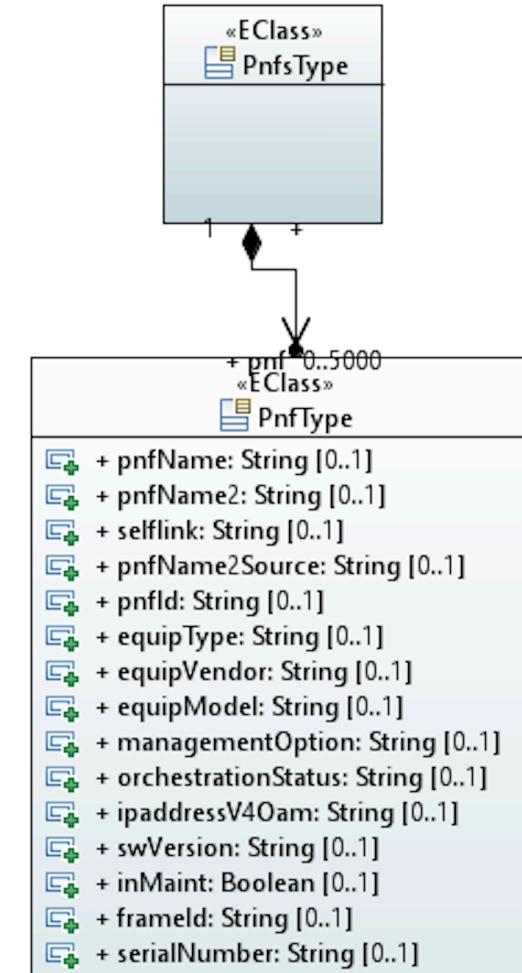
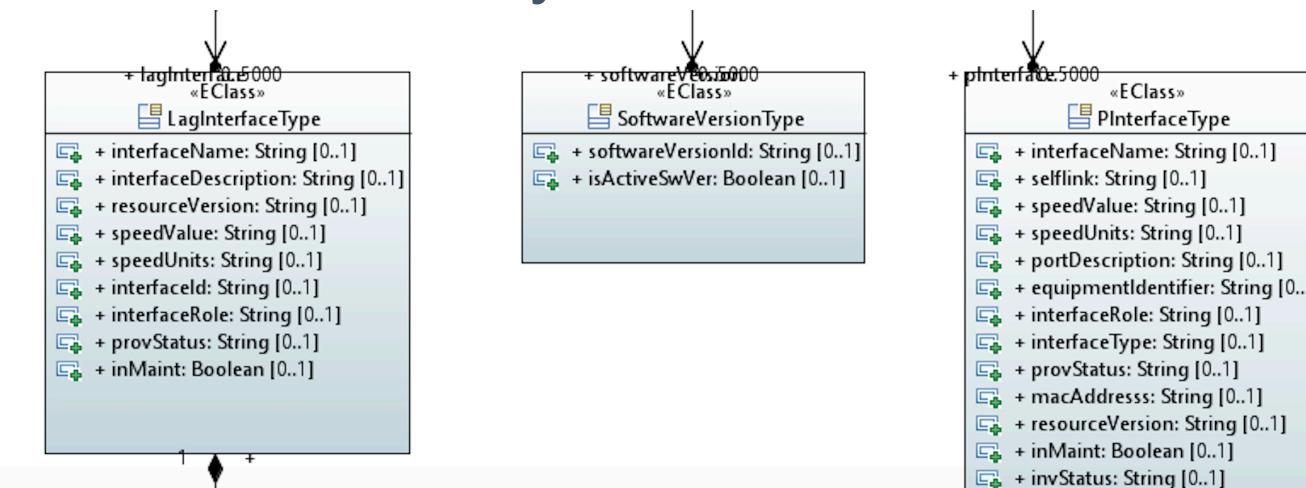
# Papyrus

- Jacqueline Beaulac and Michela Bevilacqua have reverse engineered the AAI data model into papyrus UML
- To the right is the diagram for the PNF object and the objects that it contains



# Papyrus

- Looking closer you can see that it shows the relationships and hierarchy of the various types
- It also shows the attributes of each type, the type of each attribute and their cardinality



# Custom Queries

- Custom queries represent a sophisticated graph traversal mechanism which allows clients to develop and deploy stored queries to make processing complex services and ONAP deployments faster and more efficient
- There is a proposal to add custom queries to graph graph so that they can be visualized – Volunteers?
- <https://wiki.onap.org/display/DW/Custom+Queries>

# Custom Query

- Stored-queries with required/optional properties and query parameters
- PUT request on the query API
- `https://<host>:8446/aai/v$/query?format={format}&<optional-query-parameters>`
- Payload with start-node and query-name.
- Start-node -> URI or an array of URIs or Nodes API
- Format = id / simple / pathed / resource / resource\_and\_url / graphson / count / console
- Optional Query parameters: nodesOnly, subgraph

# Custom Query Input

```
{      "start": ["{namespace}/{resource}"],  
        "query" : "query/{query-name}"  
}  
  
{  
    "start" : ["{namespace}/{resource}"]  
}  
  
{      "start": ["{namespace}/{resource}"],  
        "query" : "query/{query-name}?prop1=value1&prop2=value2"  
}
```

# Custom Query Example – Closed Loop

**Closed-loop:** Start with vserver and retrieve data required for closed-loop action (replaces a closed-loop-named-query)

```
{  
    "start" : "/cloud-infrastructure/cloud-regions/cloud-region/{cloud-owner}/{cloud-region-  
id}/tenants/tenant/{tenant-id}/vservers/vserver/{vserver-id}",  
    "query" : "query/closed-loop"  
}
```

Traversal to use : vserver

vserver > generic-vnf

generic-vnf > model-ver

model-ver > model

generic-vnf > service-instance

service-instance > model-ver

model-ver > model

service-instance > generic-vnf

generic-vnf > vf-module

vf-module > model-ver

model-ver > model

vserver > tenant

tenant > cloud-region

# Custom Query - Related-to

**Related-to:** Start with any starting node and the query returns all related nodes of a requested node-type with optional edge-type

```
{  
    "start": [...],  
    "query": "query/related-to?startingNodeType={node-type}&relatedToNodeType={node-type}"  
}
```

OR

```
{  
    "start": [...],  
    "query": "query/related-to?startingNodeType={node-type}&relatedToNodeType={node-type}&edgeType={edge-type}"  
}
```

**Traversal to use : {starting-node-type} > {related-node-type}**

**Stored-queries.json**

```
{  
    "related-to":{  
        "query":{  
            "required-properties": ["startingNodeType", "relatedToNodeType"],  
            "optional-properties": ["edgeType"]  
        },  
        "stored-query": "builder.createEdgeTraversal(edgeType, startingNodeType, relatedToNodeType).store('x').cap('x').unfold().dedup()"  
    }  
}
```

# Custom Query Syntax continued..

**Get generic-vnfs from pserver:** Start with pserver hostname or fqdn and retrieve the generic-vnfs related to it. This query also supports pre-filtering the vnf results using optional parameters.

```
{  
  "start": ["nodes/pservers?hostname=<hostname>"],  
  "query": "query/genericVnfs-fromPserver?vnfType={}"  
}  
OR  
{  
  "start": ["nodes/pservers?fqdn=<fqdn> "],  
  "query": "query/genericVnfs-fromPserver?vnf-type={}&nf-function={}"  
}
```

Traversal to use : pserver > generic-vnf  
                  pserver > vserver > generic-vnf

# Custom Query – genericVnfs-fromPserver

```
{  
  "genericVnfs-fromPserver":  
  {  
    "query":{  
      "optional-properties":["vnfType","nfFunction","nfRole","nfNamingCode"]  
    },  
  
    "stored-query":"builder.union(  
      builder.newInstance().createEdgeTraversal(EdgeType.COUSIN, 'pserver', 'generic-vnf'),  
      builder.newInstance().createEdgeTraversal(EdgeType.COUSIN, 'pserver', 'vserver').  
        createEdgeTraversal('vserver','generic-vnf'))  
      .getVerticesByProperty('vnf-type',vnfType)  
      .getVerticesByProperty('nf-function',nfFunction)  
      .getVerticesByProperty('nf-role',nfRole)  
      .getVerticesByProperty('nf-naming-code',nfNamingCode)  
      .store('x').cap('x').unfold().dedup()  
    }  
  }  
}
```

# Formats

- **Id** : Resource link includes the vertex Id

```
"results": [  
  {  
    "resource-type": "generic-vnf",  
    "resource-link": "/aai/v$/resources/id/2388112"  
  }]
```

- **pathed**: Resource link includes the uri of the vertex

```
"results": [  
  {  
    "resource-type": "generic-vnf",  
    "resource-link": "/aai/v$/network/generic-vnfs/generic-vnf/lab20105v"  
  }]
```

- **resource** : Same format as resources API response payload with depth=1
- **resource\_and\_url** : resource format plus the pathed url
- **graphson**: Results in graphson format
- **count**: Provides count of objects in the query

# Formats

- **simple** : node-type, graph vertex id, pathed url, object properties, and directly related objects in the graph are all returned.

```
results": [
  {
    "id": "739696712",
    "node-type": "generic-vnf",
    "url": "https://<host>:8443/aai/v$/network/generic-vnfs/
            generic-vnf/85f60b5e-6eff-49c8-9a79-550ee9eb4806",
    "properties": {
      "vnf-type": "WX",
      "vnf-name": "ONAPPHLPA0703UJWX01"
    },
    "related-to": [
      {
        "id": "739700808",
        "node-type": "license",
        "url": "https://onap:8443/aai/v10/
                network/generic-vnfs/generic-vnf/
                85f60b5e-6eff-49c8-9a79-550ee9eb4806/
                licenses/license/ONAP-M/
                VONAP-81"
      }
    ]
  }
]
```

# DSL Queries (Bring Your Own Query)

- DSL (Bring Your Own Query) is new feature being delivered in Frankfort that will allow users to specify ad-hoc queries that will make AAI more flexible and robust than previous versions
- Like with custom queries, there is a proposal to add DSL queries to the graph graph views

# DSL Query

- BYOQ : A simple DSL to describe a graph traversal query
- provides the abstraction to translate to underlying graph language(gremlin, cypher)
- BYOQ language was built using Antlr4 (AAIDSL.g4) .
- 2-step translation which gets translated first to our A&AI internal DSL and next to underlying graph query language using Groovy
- BYOQ UI (part of Sparky UI) is under development, where users can build queries and retrieve the results
- Formats and query parameters similar to custom queries
- PUT request on the DSL API  
`https://<host>:8446/aai/v$/dsl?format={format}&<optional-query-parameters>`

# DSL Example

- Input Payload

```
{  
  "dsl" : "  customer('global-customer-id','8310000058863-16102016-aai1539')  
            > service-subscription > service-instance  
            > connector* > virtual-data-center* > generic-vnf* "  
  
}
```

Starting with a customer object, traverse through service-subscriptions and service-instances, and traverse any edges to connector objects. Store the connectors and any connected virtual data centers and their generic vnfs, and return the set.

# DSL Syntax

## Node Query (Filter based on properties or negation)

node\* ('key','value') ('key2','value2').... \* → store(x) or 'Select \*'  
node\* !(‘key’,value) ('key2',value2').... ‘!’ → neq or negation

### Example:

cloud-region\*('cloud-owner','onap-rs1')('cloud-region-id','onap3')

## Traversal with Node Query

node1('key1',value1') > node2 > node3\* ('key3',value3')

### Example:

cloud-region ('cloud-owner','onap')('cloud-region-id',ONAP25') > availability-zone\*

## Where clause (Filter based on traversal )

node1\* (> node2('key','value'))  
node1\* ('key1','value1') (> node2!('key2','value'))

### Example

pnf\* (> complex('physical-location-id','ONAPDATA'))

# DSL Syntax

## Traversal Query with union

- node1('key','value')+ > [ node2> node3\* , node3\* ]
- For a Topology view , when you want to view a sub-set of nodes from NODE1

### Example:

```
cloud-region('cloud-owner','onap-rs1')('cloud-region-id','onap3') >
[
    complex*('state','NJ'),
    l3-network*('network-type','tst-EXAMPLE_BASIC_NETWORK')
]
```

# Best Practices for CQ and BYOQ

- Verify that the start element or the start node has (this is the preferred order)
  - URI
  - Keys
  - Unique indexed properties
  - Indexed properties
- Run cq2gremlin API in traversal (<https://<host>:8446/aai/cq2gremlin>) and get the gremlin equivalent. Run a profile on the gremlin equivalent to make sure the gremlin query is optimal
- GraphGraph or Schema Service could help with the shortest path to define the optimal traversal for the custom query
- Do not start a query with a union . Union queries do not use indexes

# Best Practices for CQ and BYOQ

- Use subgraph=\* sparingly. It tries to get the related edge for every vertex returned by your custom query. It would get very expensive if the vertex has too many related edges(like cloud-region)
- Use groupCount sparingly or in UI queries. Not for use by clients in application.
- groupCount by a property is equivalent of a full table scan. The only index that it uses is aai-node-type which is a low cardinality index
- Frequently used DSL queries should be encouraged to be converted to custom-queries since the start-node in a custom query has a URI which is uniquely indexed in the graph
- Run a count on the query and verify if the traversal can be reversed to get the optimal query

# Rest Layer

- Rest Consumer classes are the entry point for all Rest endpoints in the microservice
- Validates the request and completes the preprocessing required for the request
- Applies query parameters (depth, nodesOnly) to the request
- Formats the response payload – calls core library to transform response payloads
- QueryConsumer : REST layer for custom query API (/query)
- DSLConsumer : Rest layer for DSL queries(/dsl)
- RecentsAPIConsumer: Rest layer for recents API (/recents)
- SearchProvider : Rest layer for nodes and generic query(/search)
- ModelAndNamedQueryRestProvider: Rest layer for model query and named query (/model)
- Separate consumer class for each endpoint
- Register in JerseyConfiguration.java(`org.glassfish.jersey.server.ResourceConfiguration`)

# Query Builder

## Gremlin QueryBuilder

- Provides abstraction from the A&AI schema and from the underlying graph query language
- Converts the A&AI internal DSL to gremlin

## Key Methods

- `getVerticesByProperty(key,value) → has('key','value')`
- `getVerticesByProperty(key, MissingOptionalParameter value)`
- `getVerticesByProperty(key) → has('key')`
- `createEdgeTraversal(EdgeType, nodeType1, nodeType2)`
  - Find if edgerule exists between the nodeTypes. If yes, finds the direction for the traversal `.out().has('aai-node-type','nodeType2')` or `.in().has('aai-node-type','nodeType2')`
- `createEdgeTraversalWithLabels(EdgeType, nodeType1, nodeType2, List<> labels)`  
`.out('edgelabel').has('aai-node-type','nodeType2')` or `.in('edgelabel').has('aai-node-type','nodeType2')`

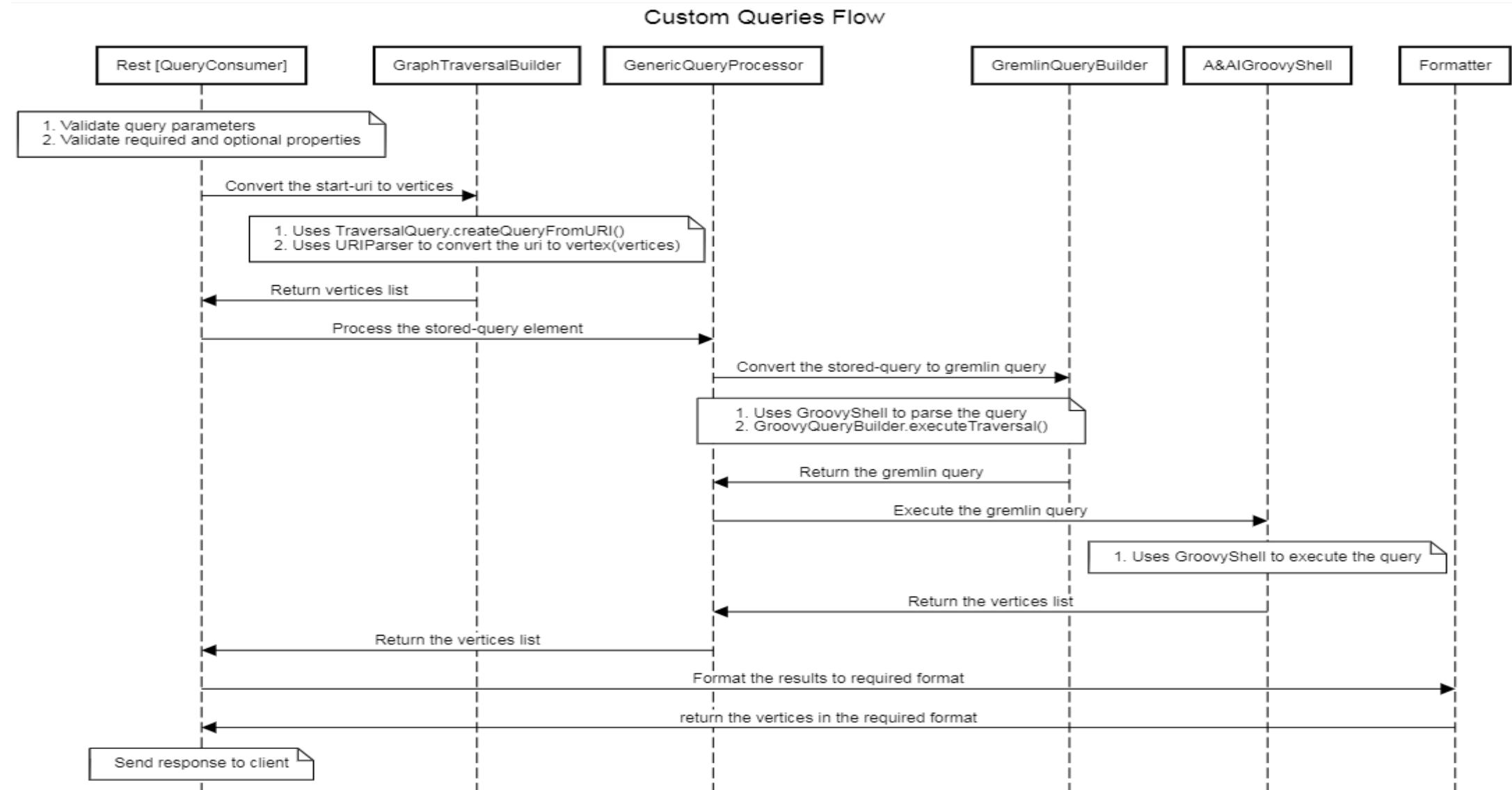
## Implemented constructs

- Union, where, has, hasNot, select, or , store, cap, unfold, dedup, emit, repeat, both, tree, by, path

# Query Builder Internals

- { "start" : ["cloud-infrastructure/cloud-regions/cloud-region/{cloud-owner}/{cloud-region-id}"],  
    "query" : "query/availabilityZoneAndComplex-fromCloudRegion"  
    }
- builder.union(builder.newInstance().createEdgeTraversal(EdgeType.TREE, 'cloud-region',  
    'availability-zone').store('x'),builder.newInstance().createEdgeTraversal(EdgeType.COUSIN, 'cloud-  
    region', 'complex').store('x')).cap('x').unfold().dedup()
- g.V(vertices).has('aai-node-type', 'cloud-region').has('cloud-owner', 'onap').has('cloud-region-id',  
    'ONAP25').union(\_\_.in('org.onap.relationships.inventory.BelongsTo').has('aai-node-type',  
    'availability-zone').store('x'), \_\_.out('org.onap.relationships.inventory.LocatedIn').has('aai-node-type',  
    'complex').store('x')).cap('x').unfold().dedup()
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    SideEffectCapStep([x]), UnfoldStep]
- CQ2Gremlin : API that will help you verify the gremlin for your custom query

# Custom Queries Flow



# DSL Queries Flow

