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has again experienced a period of having an author
in the house, yet she has at the same time undertaken
the proof-reading job in her usual, professional manner.
Thank You!.

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About the Author

Thomas Frisendal is an experienced database consultant with more than 30 years on the IT vendor side and as an independent consultant. He has worked with databases and data modeling since the late 70s; since 1995 primarily on data warehouse projects. He has a strong urge to visualize everything as graphs - even datamodels! He excels in the art of turning data into information and knowledge. His approach to information-driven analysis and design is "New Nordic" in the sense that it represents the traditional Nordic values such as superior quality, functionality, reliability and innovation by new ways of communicating the structure and meaning of the business context.

He lives in Copenhagen, Denmark. His firm, TF Informatik, was founded in 1995 and is registered in Denmark (DK66048950). He is on LinkedIn and Twitter @VizDataModeler[1]. Thomas is an active writer and speaker.

His recent book about Graph Data Modeling[2] has a lot of background and in-depth guidance on most of what has been presented in this book. It proposes property graph modeling as a general modeling paradigm. It has many examples from many contexts.

[1] https://twitter.com/VizDataModeler

[2] https://technicspub.com/graph-data-modeling/

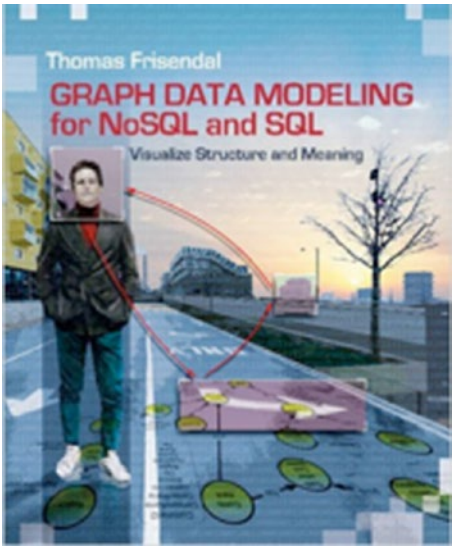

Figure 1. *Graph Data Modeling*

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GraphQL is designed by Facebook, Copyright © 2015-2016. It is now an open source project, where the software is available under a BSD 3 license. Refer to www.graphQL.org[1] for more information.

The GraphQL @relation schema directive originated at Graphcool, refer to www.graph.cool[2] for more information.

The chapter about using GraphQL with a new graph database draws heavily on a blogpost Five Common GraphQL Problems and How Neo4j-GraphQL Aims To Solve Them[3] written by Will Lyon of Neo4j[4]. I am quoting from it with the author's kind permission. Thank you!

[1] http://www.graphQL.org

[2] http://www.graph.cool

[3] https://blog.grandstack.io/five-common-graphql-problems-and-how-neo4j-graphql-aims-to-solve-them-e9a8999c8d43

[4] https://neo4j.com