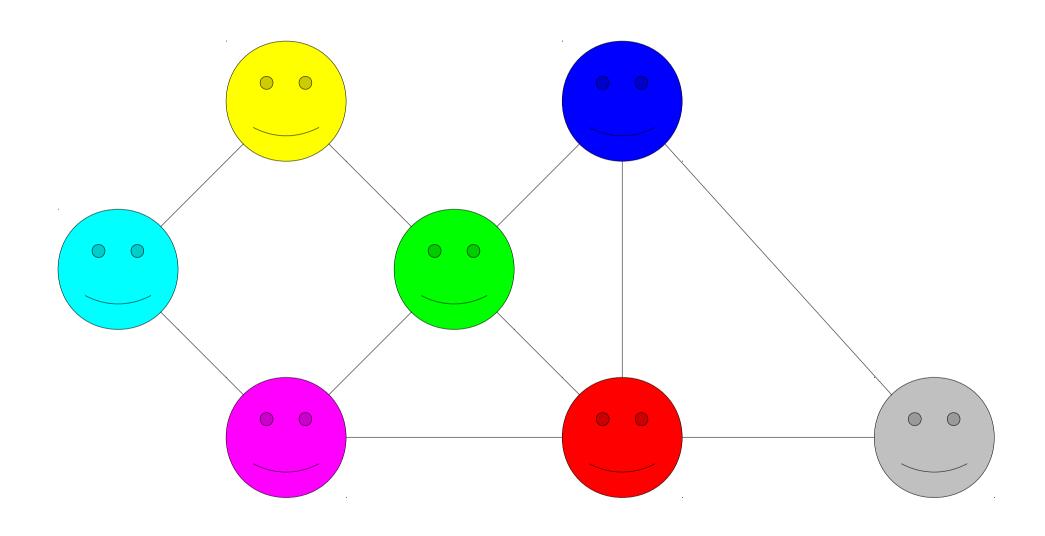
Graphs and Networks

Announcements

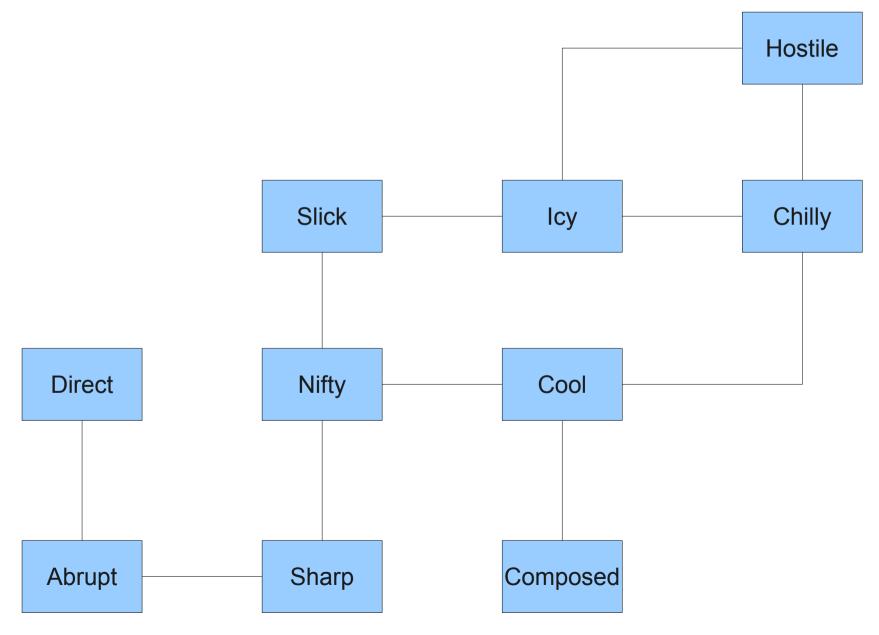
- Assignment 6 due right now.
- Assignment 7 (FacePamphlet) out, due next Friday, March 16 at 3:15PM
 - Build your own social network!
 - No late days may be used.
- YEAH hours tonight from 7-8PM in Herrin T175.
 - Get a jump on FacePamphlet!

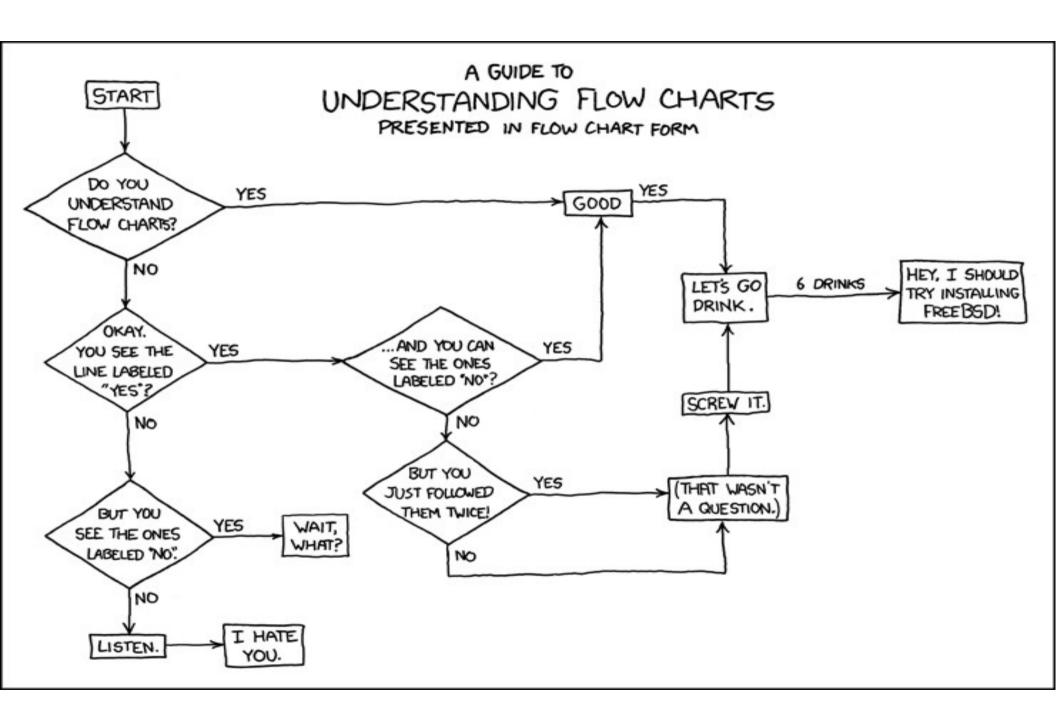
FacePamphlet Demo

A Social Network

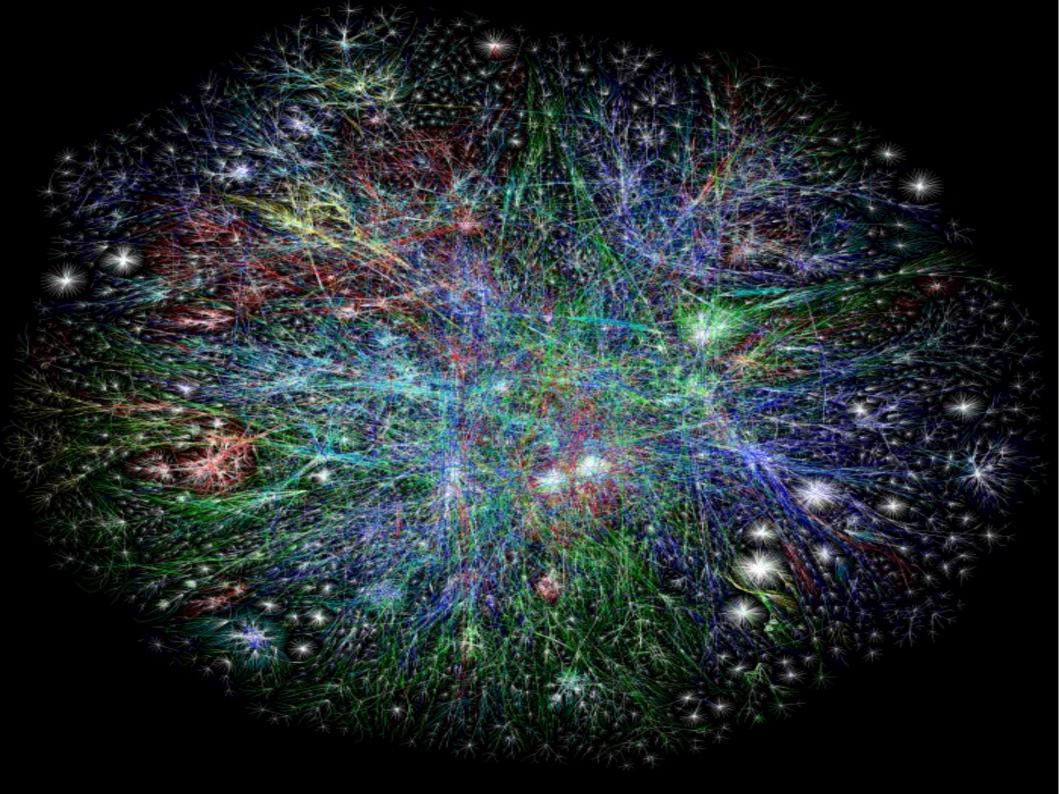


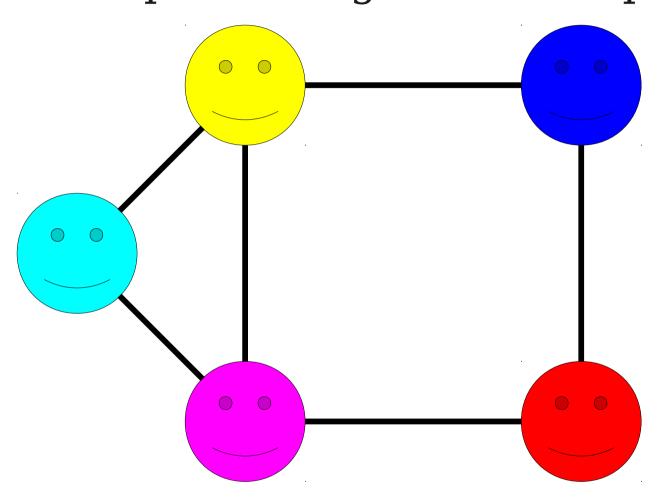
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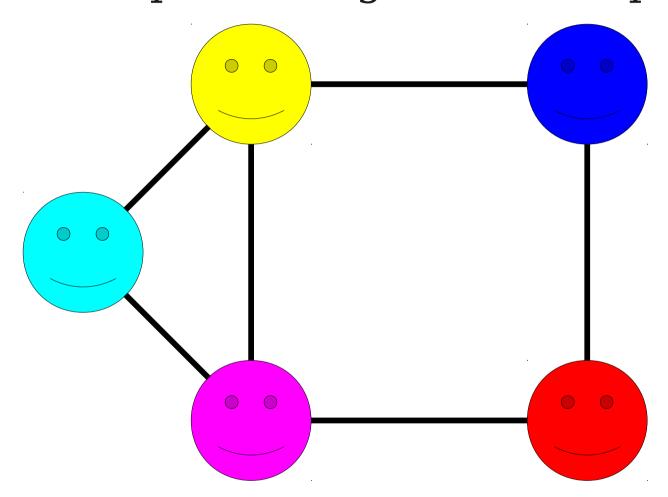




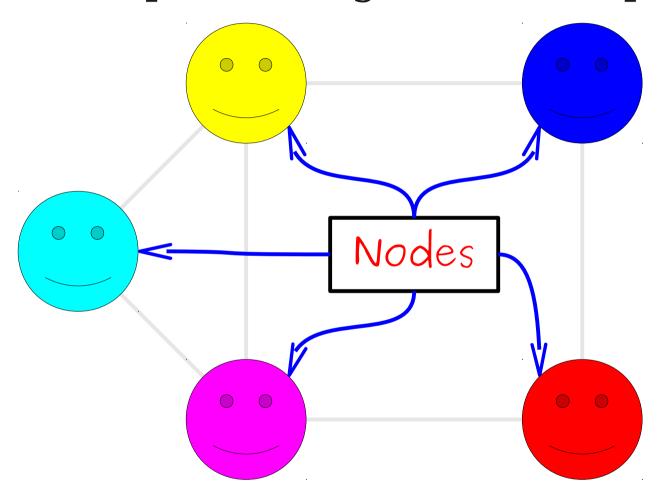
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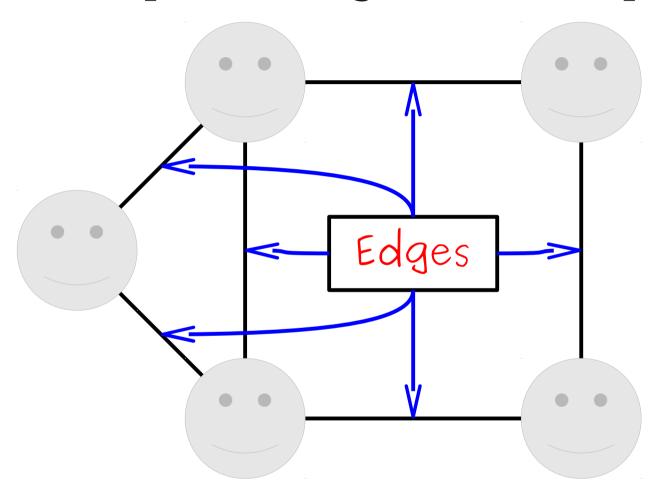




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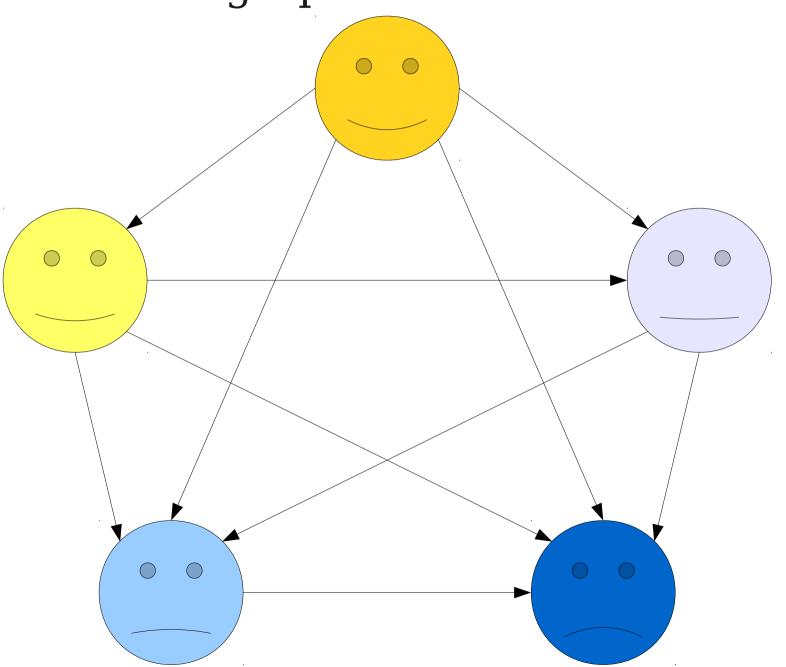


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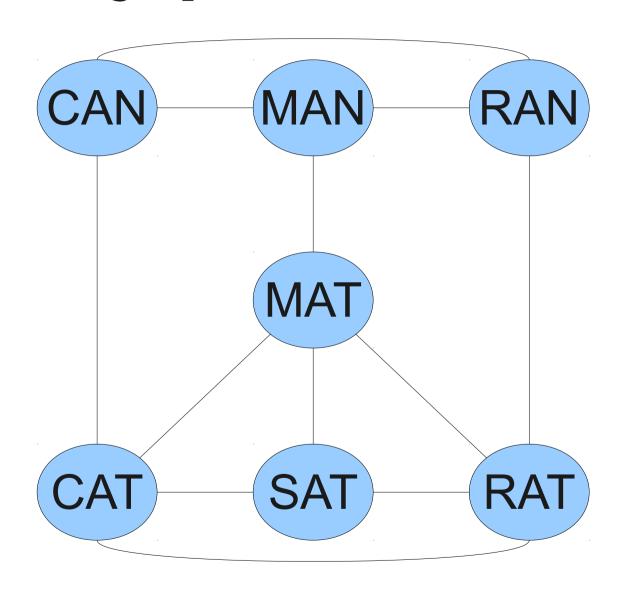


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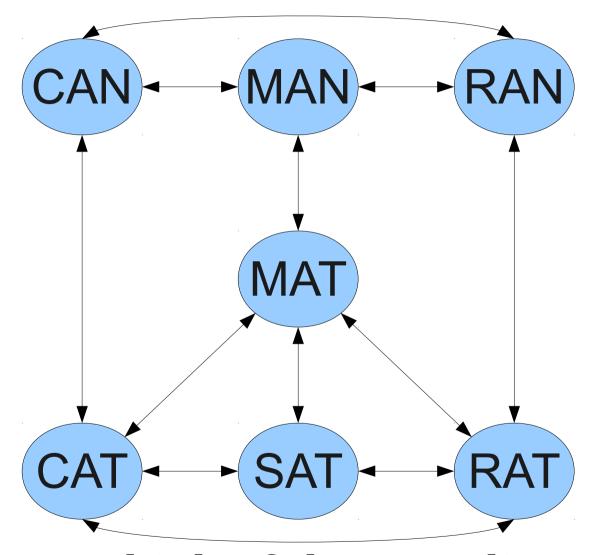
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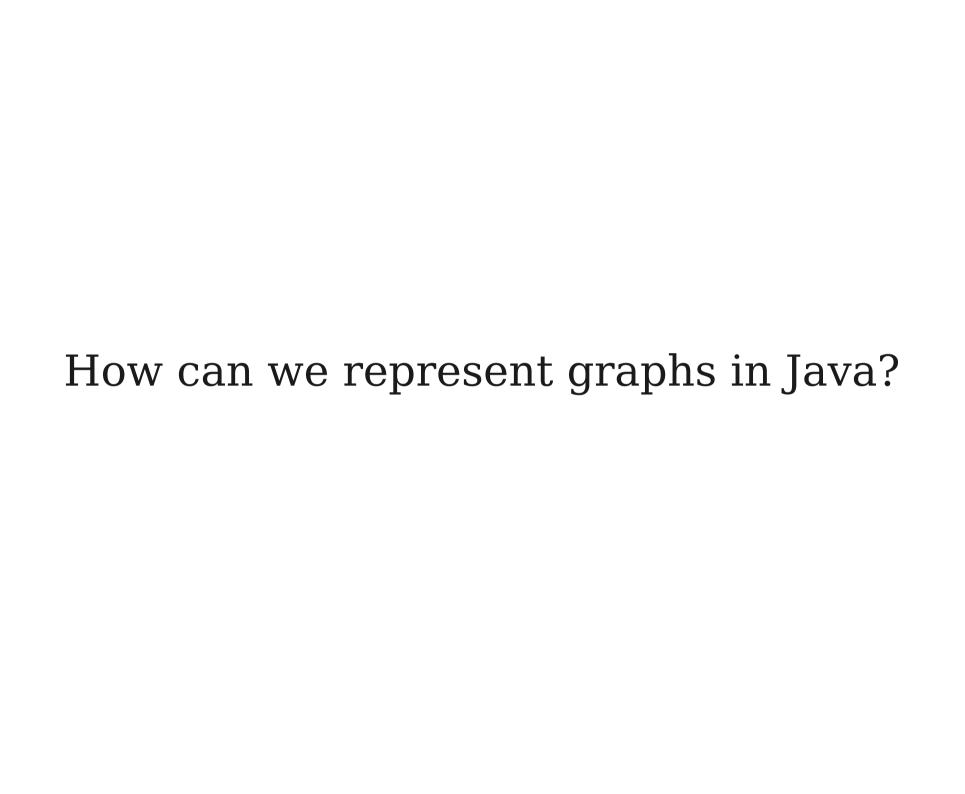
Some graphs are undirected.



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You can think of them as directed graphs with edges both ways.



Representing Graphs

Node

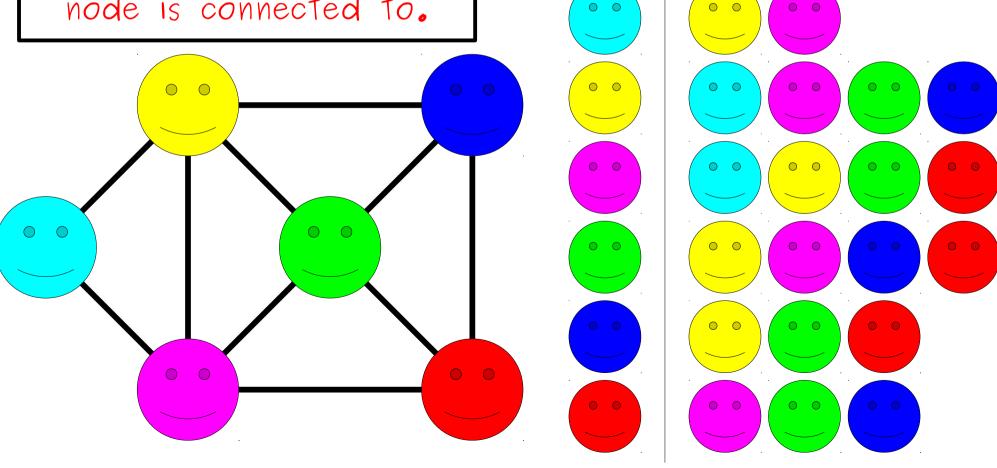
Node

Map<Node, List<Node>>

List<Node>

Connected To

We can represent a graph as a map from nodes to the list of nodes each node is connected to.



The Wikipedia Graph

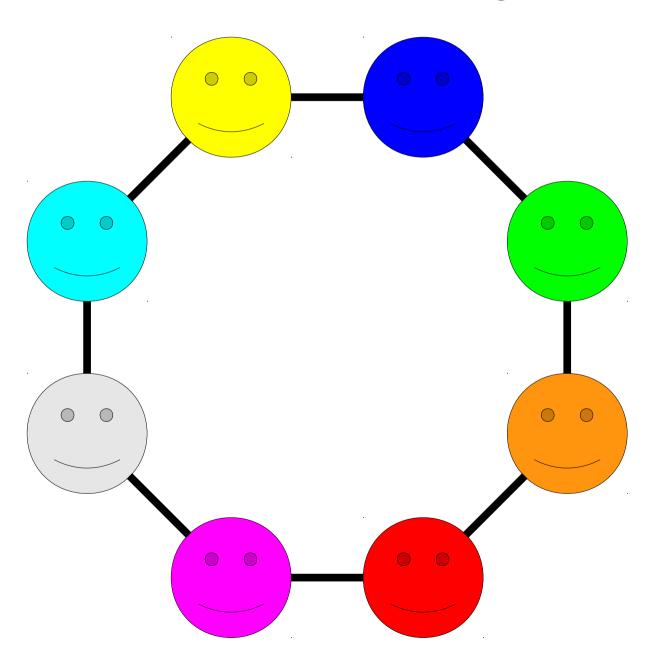


- Wikipedia (and the web in general) is a graph!
- Each page is a node.
- There is an edge from one page to another if the first page links to the second.

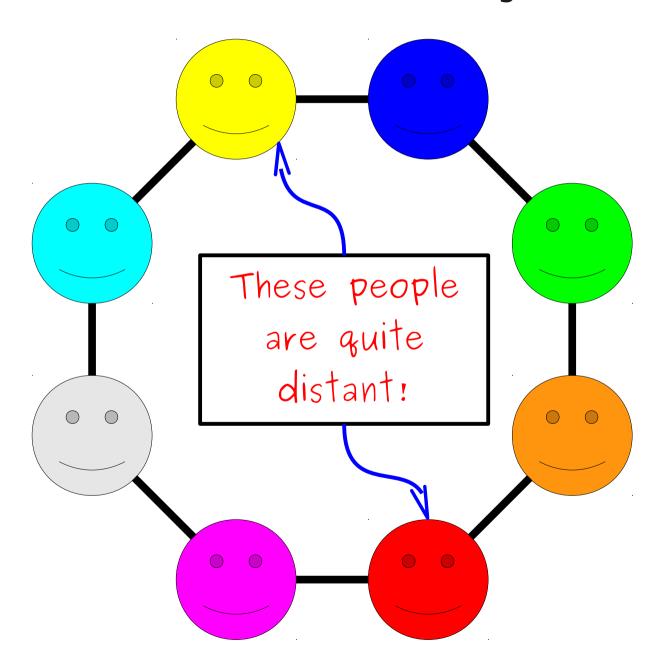
Network Analysis

- We can analyze how nodes in a graph are connected to learn more about the graph.
- How connected are the nodes in the graph?
- How important is each node in the graph?

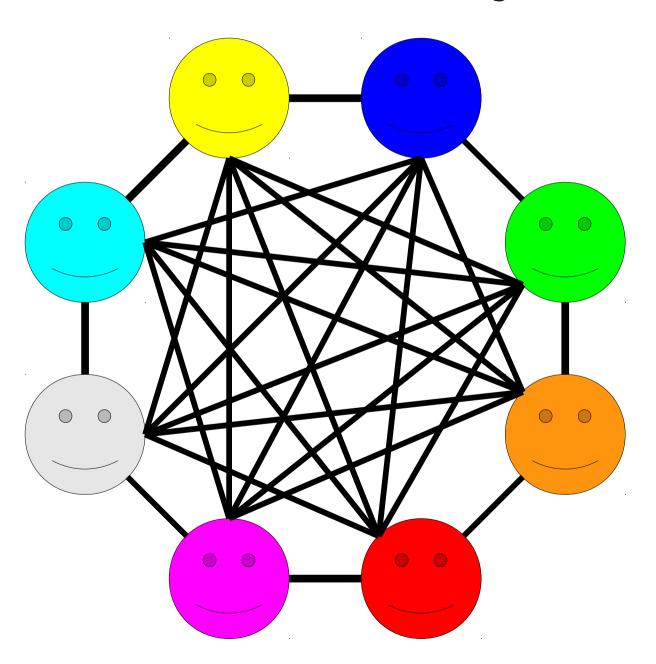
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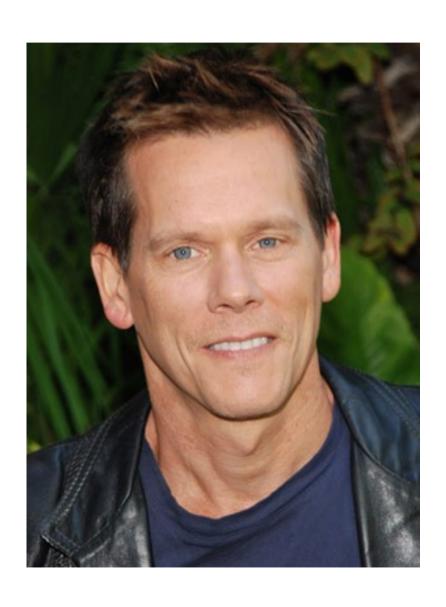
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Network Connectivity



- All actors and actresses have a Bacon number describing how removed they are from Kevin Bacon.
- Less than 1% of all actors and actresses have a Bacon number greater than six.

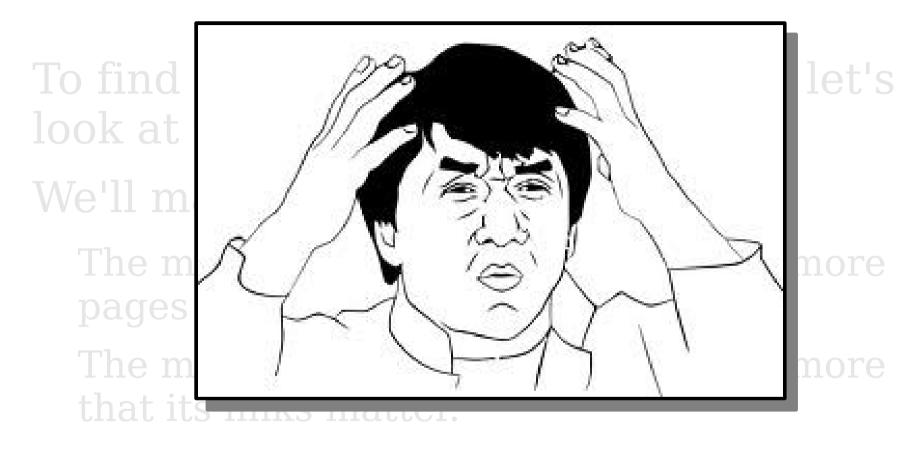
Finding Important Nodes

- Suppose that we want to have the computer find "important" articles on Wikipedia.
- We just have the link structure, not the text of the page, the number of edits, the length of the article, etc.
- How might we do this?

Link Analysis

- To find important Wikipedia pages, let's look at the links between pages.
- We'll make two assumptions:
 - The more important an article is, the more pages will link to it.
 - The more important an article is, the more that its links matter.
- An article is important if other important articles link to it.

Link Analysis

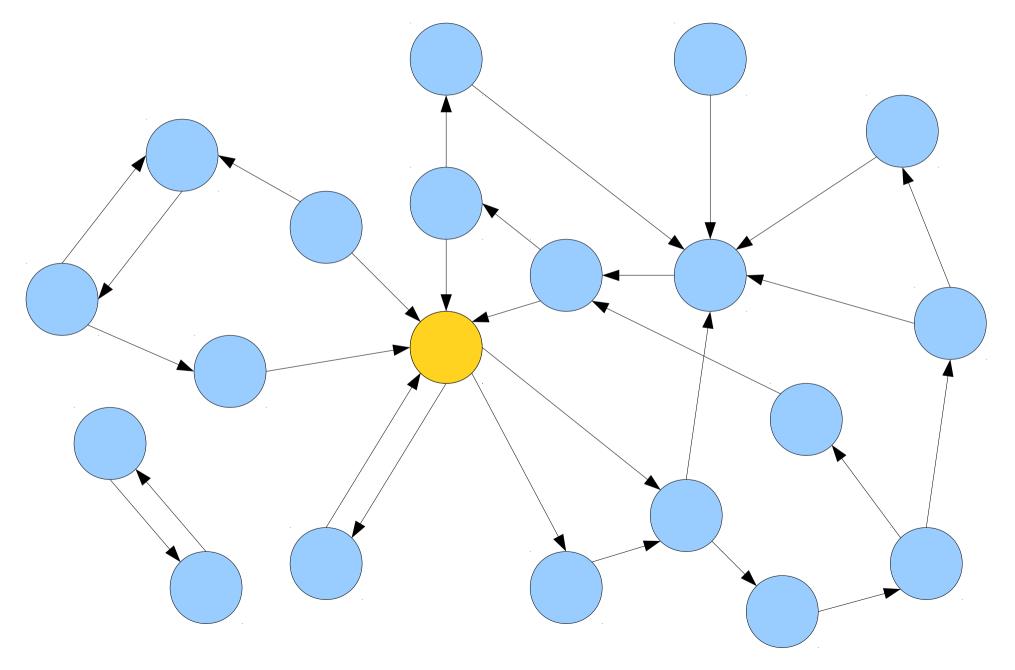


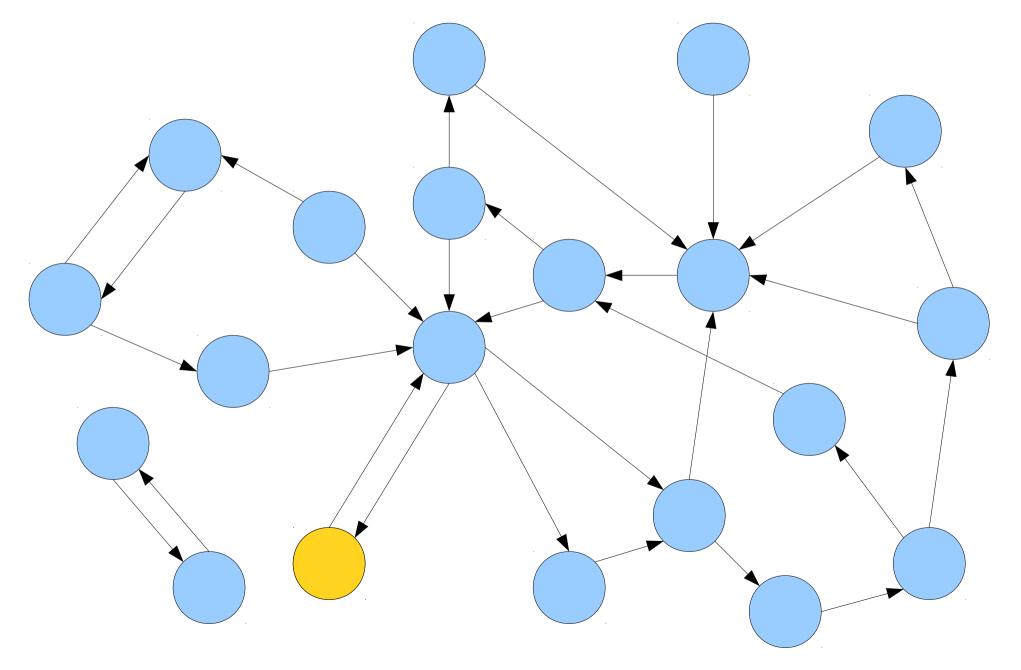
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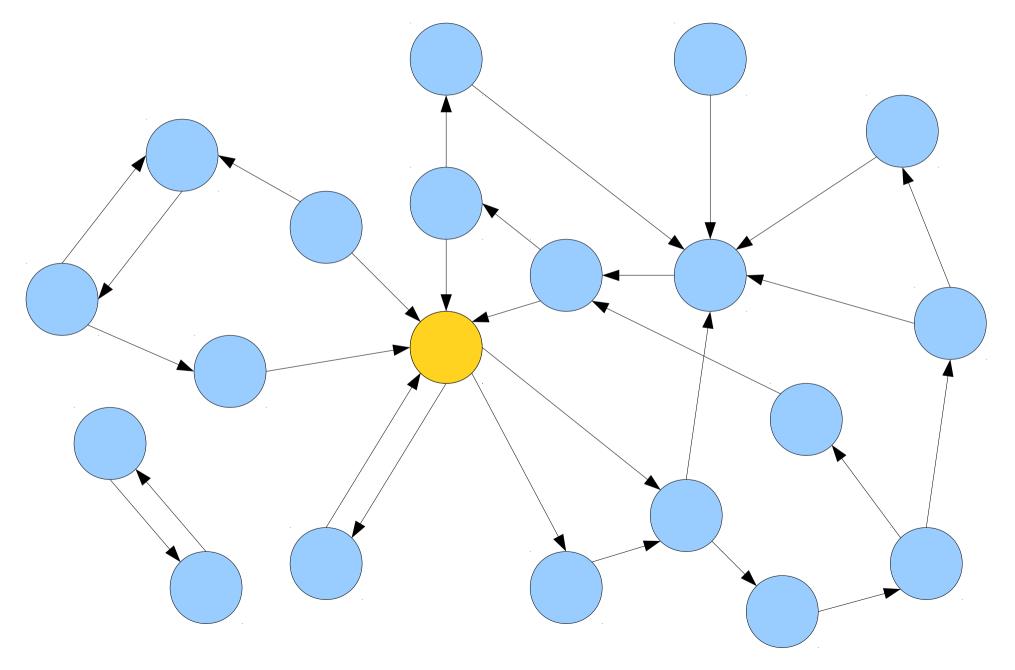


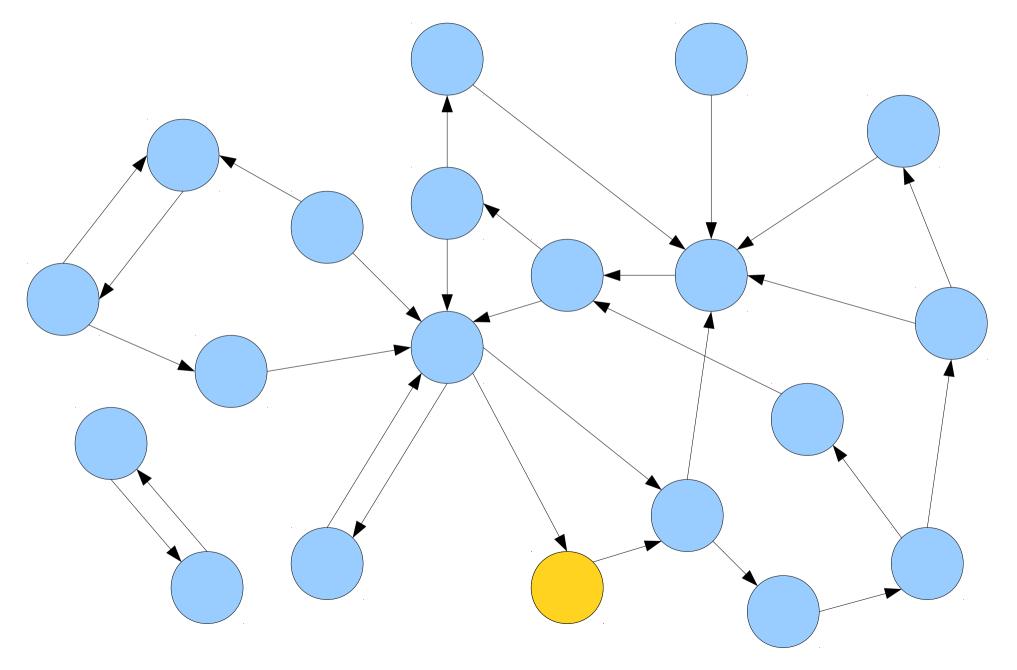
(seriously though)

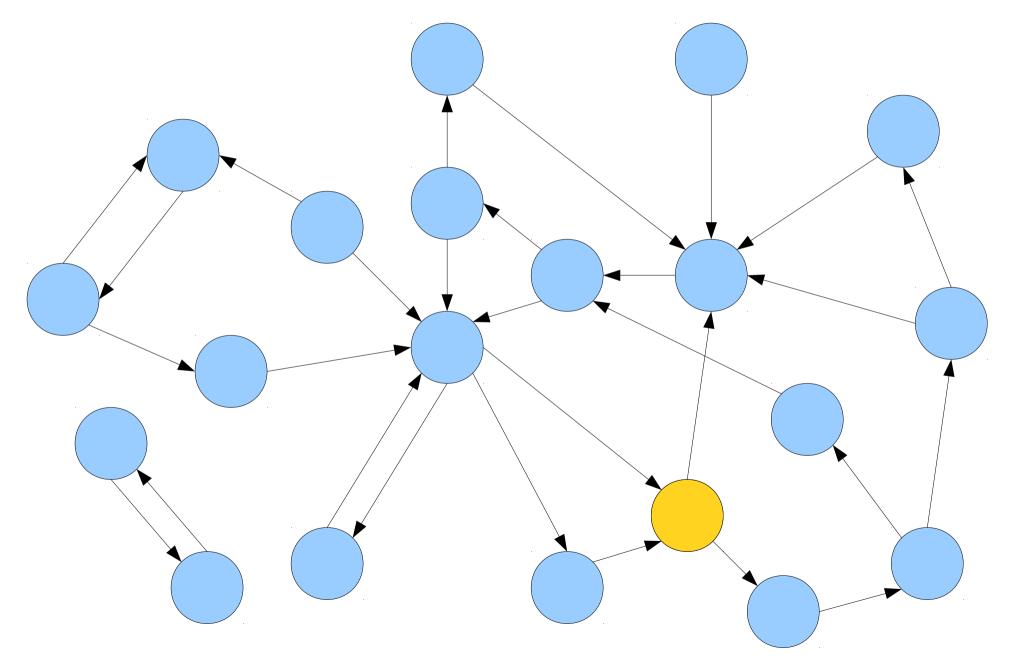
- Think about the behavior of a Wikipedia reader who randomly surfs Wikipedia.
- Visits some initial page at random.
- From there, the user either
 - Clicks a random link on the page to some other article, or
 - hits the "random page" link to visit a totally random page.

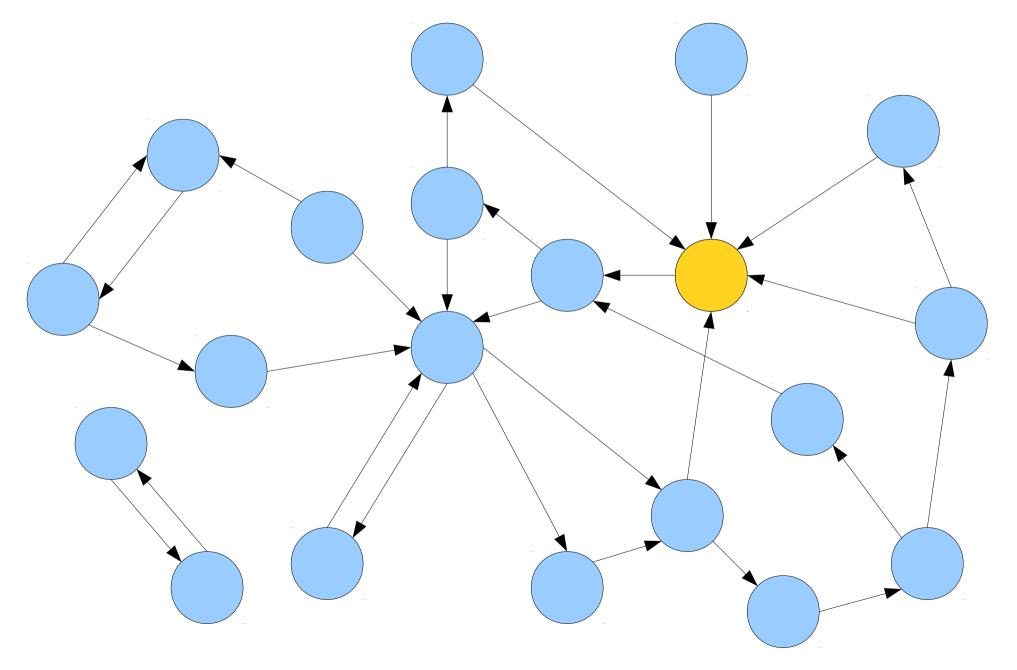


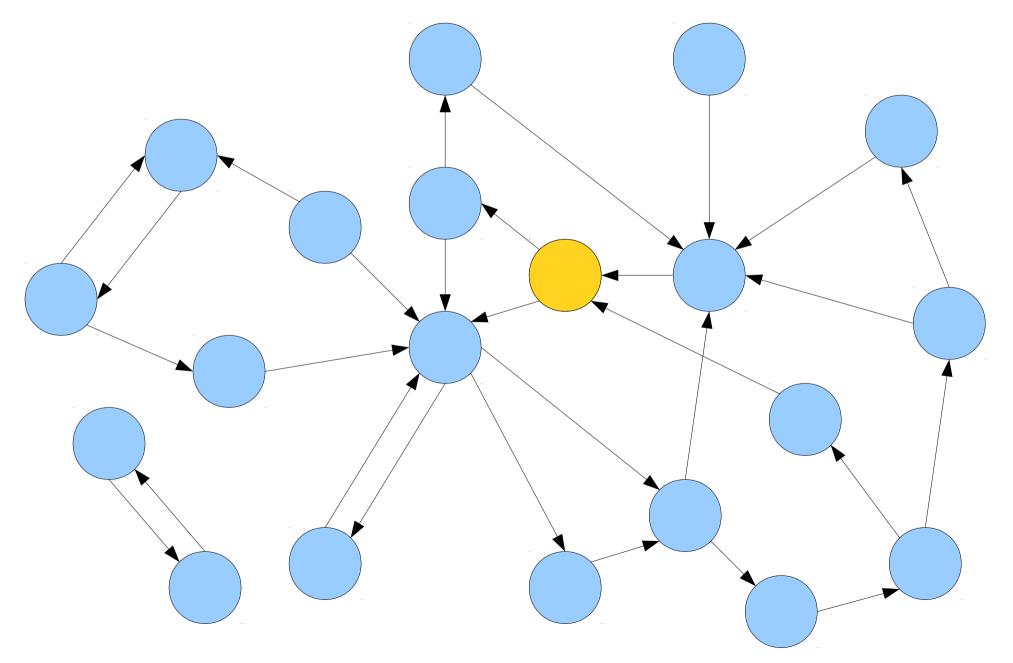


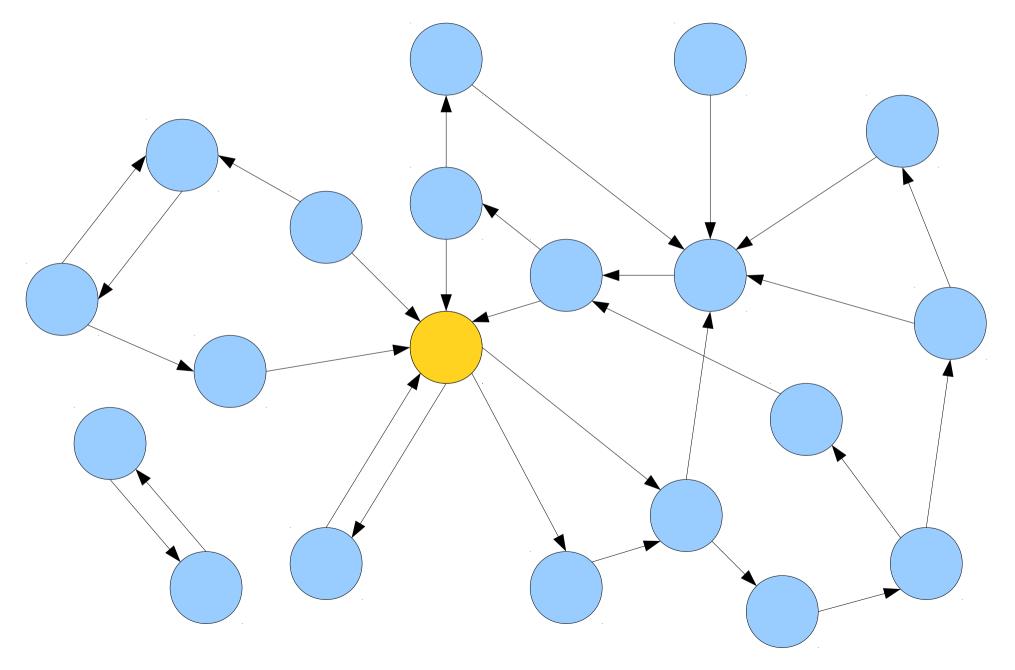


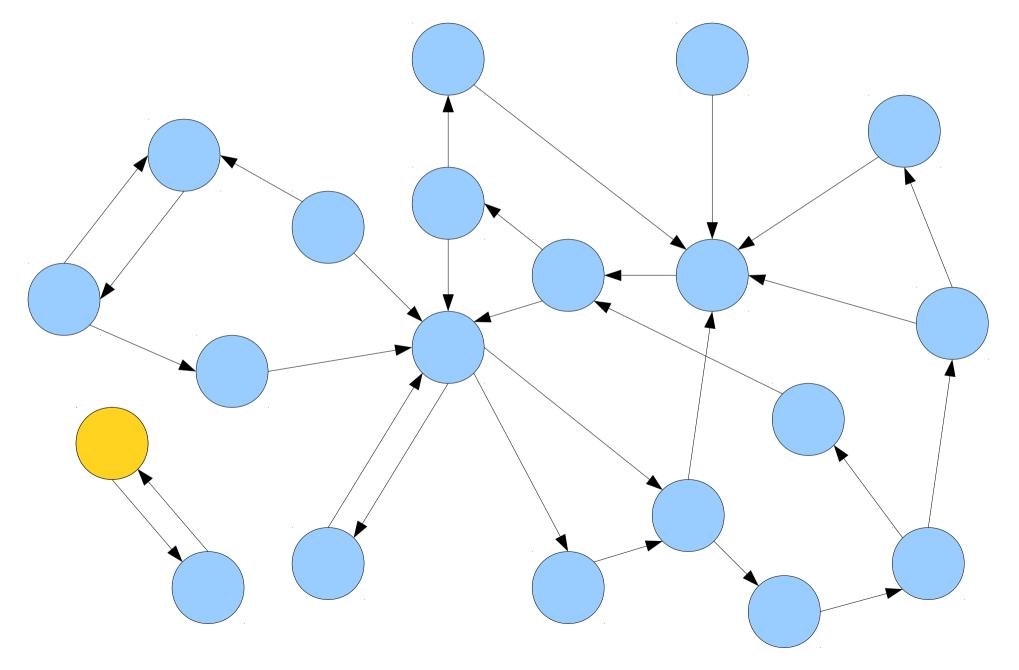


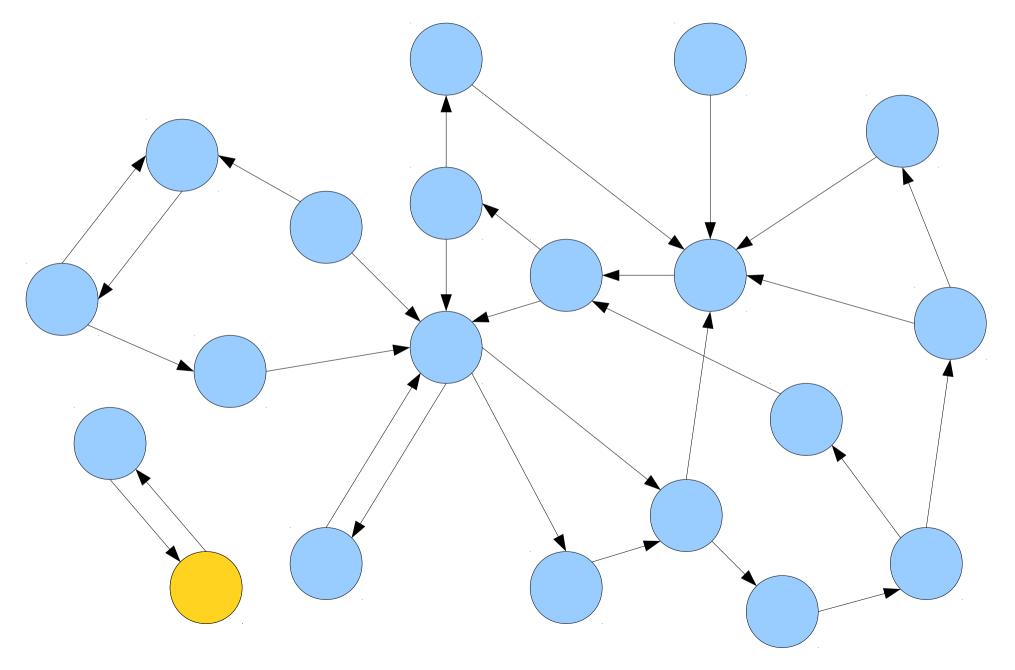


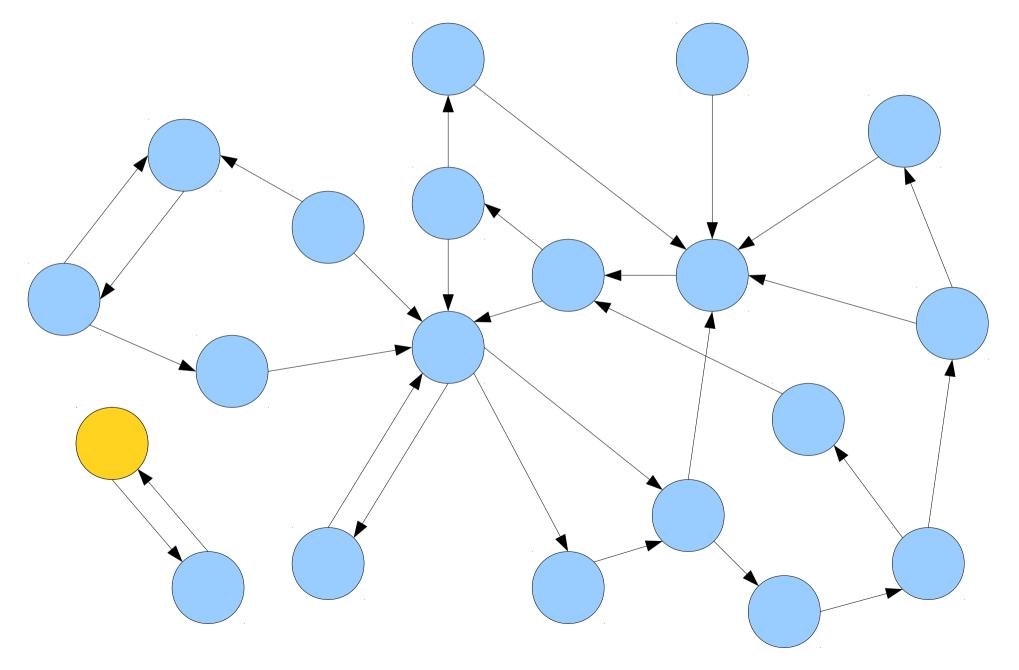


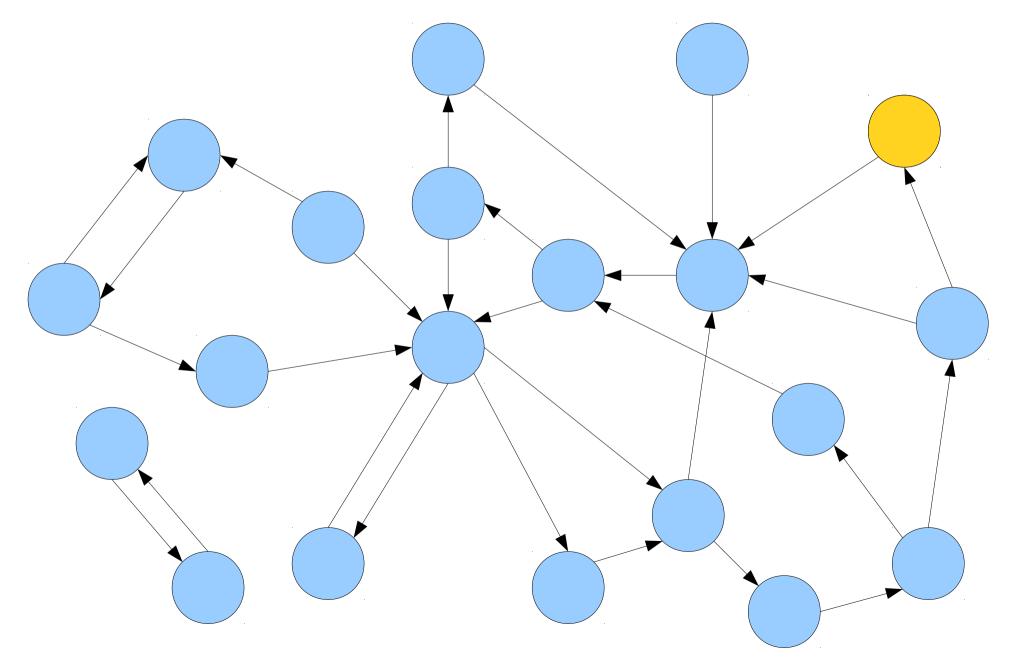


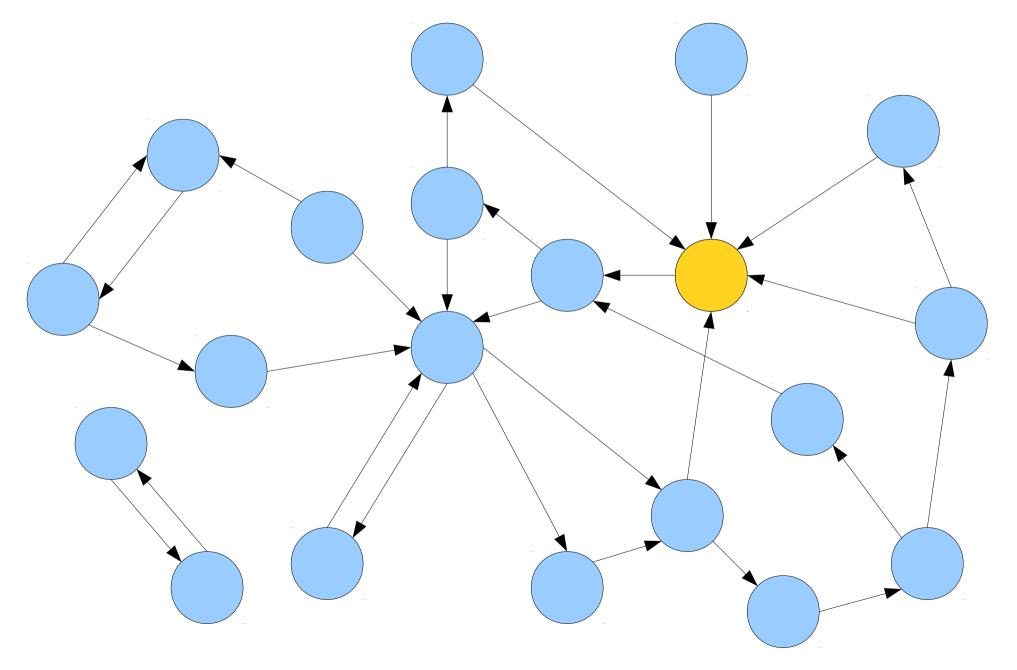


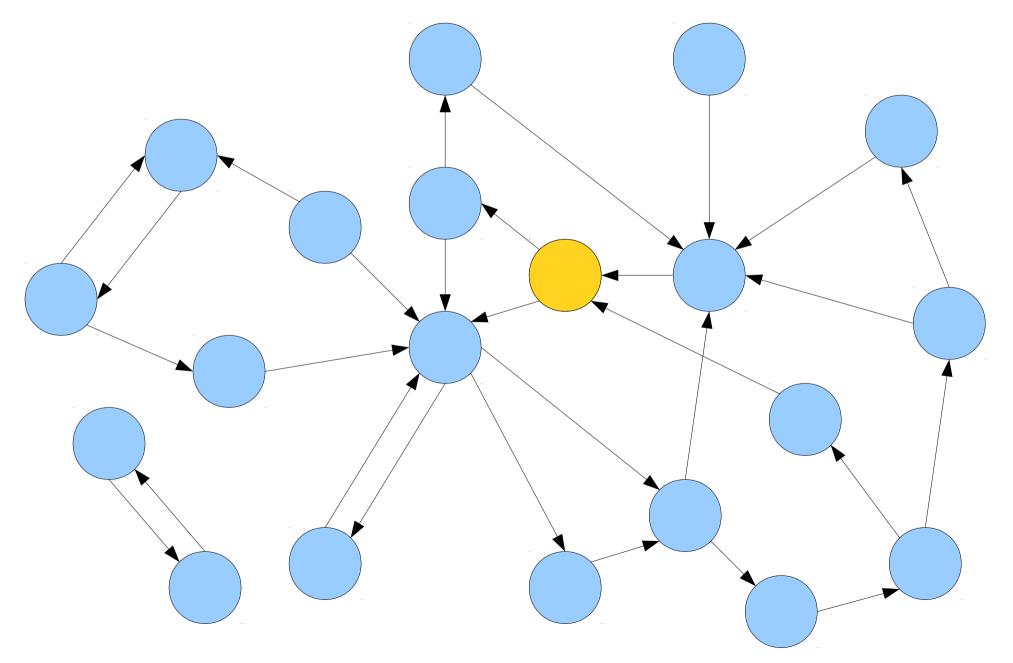


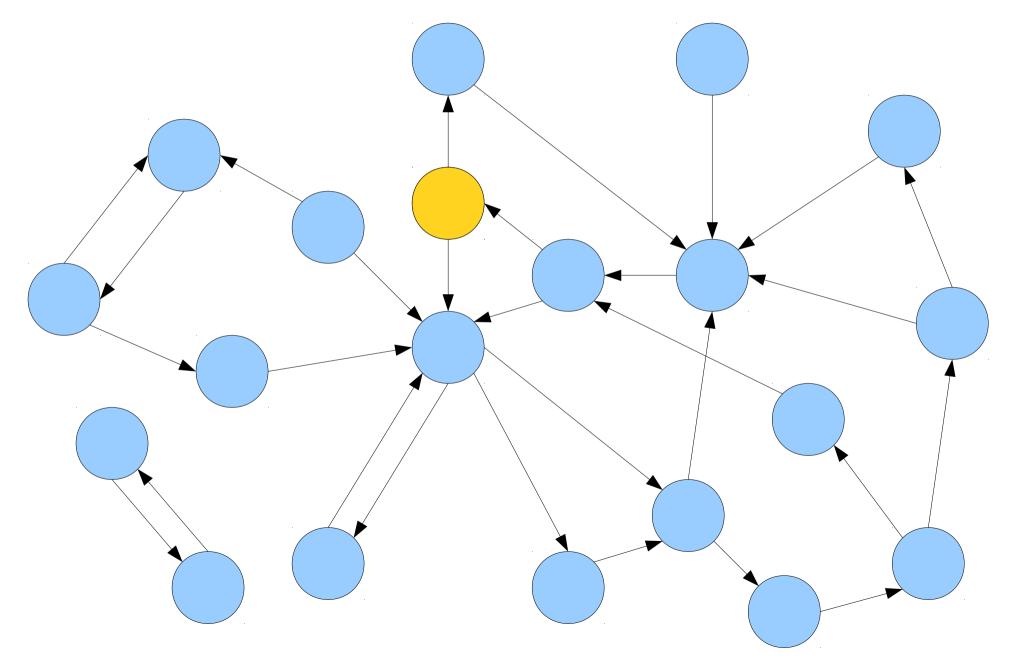


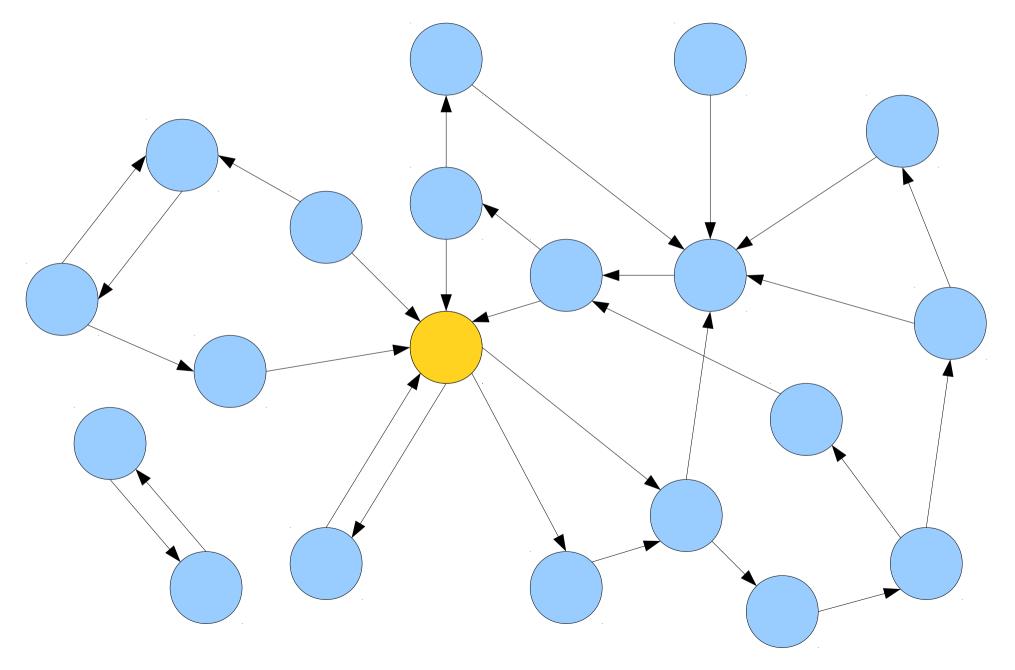


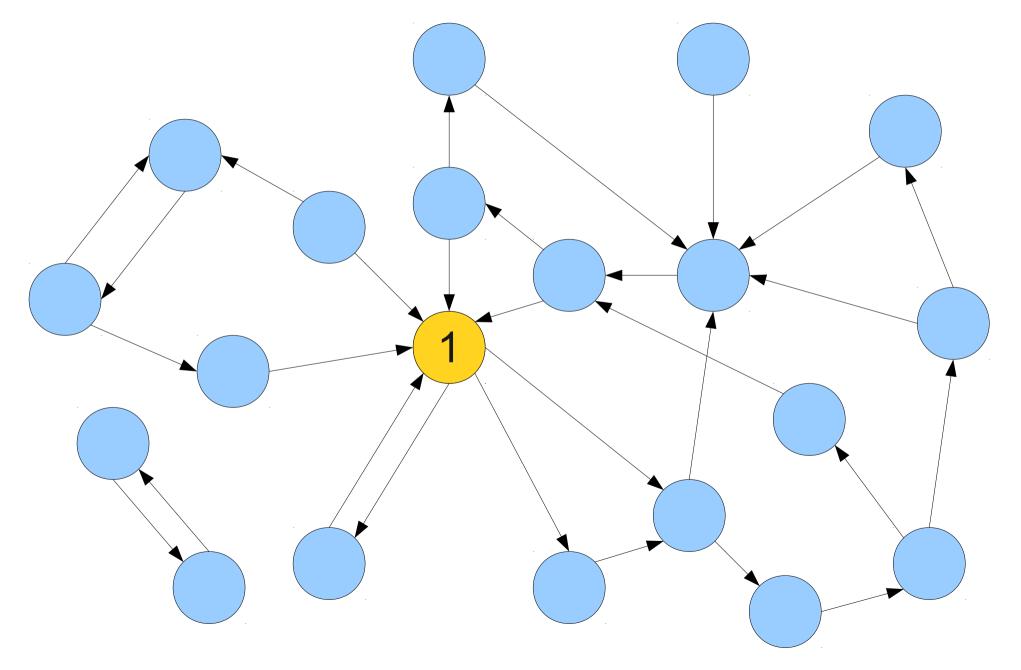


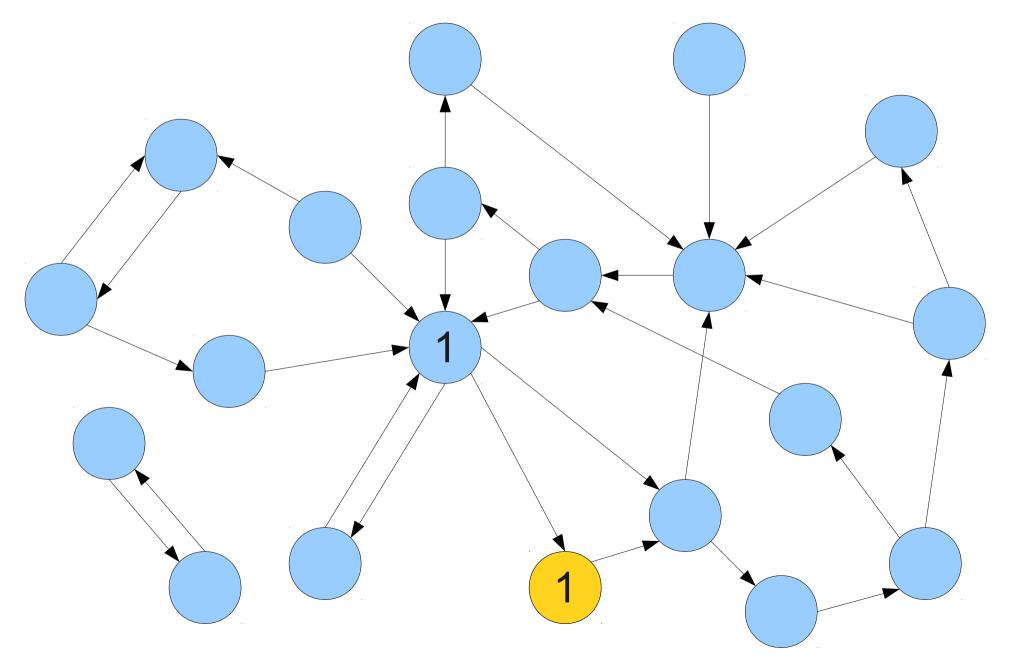


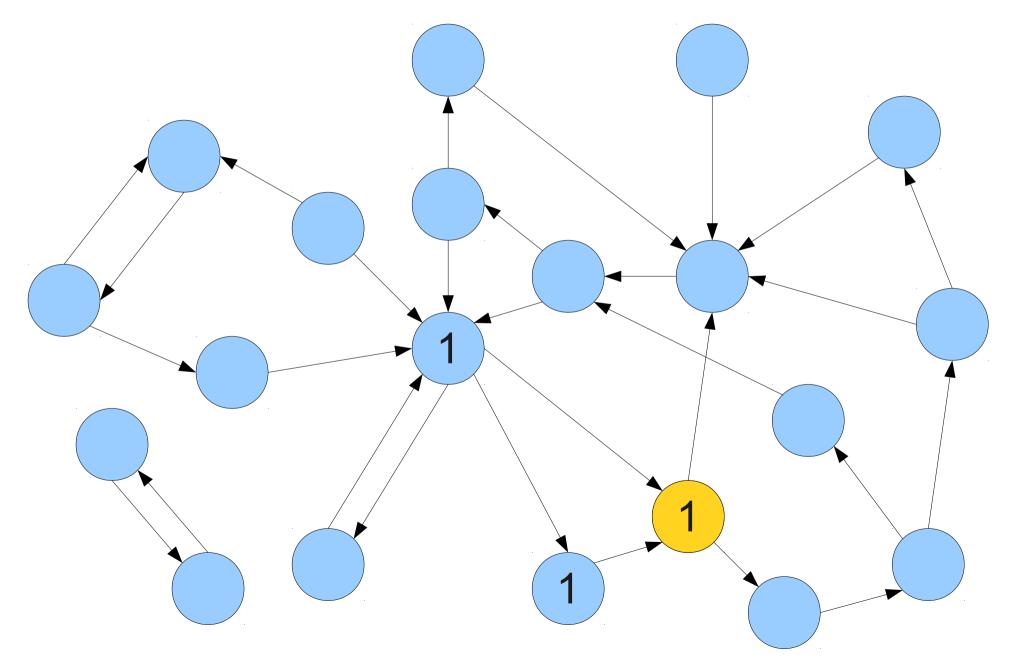


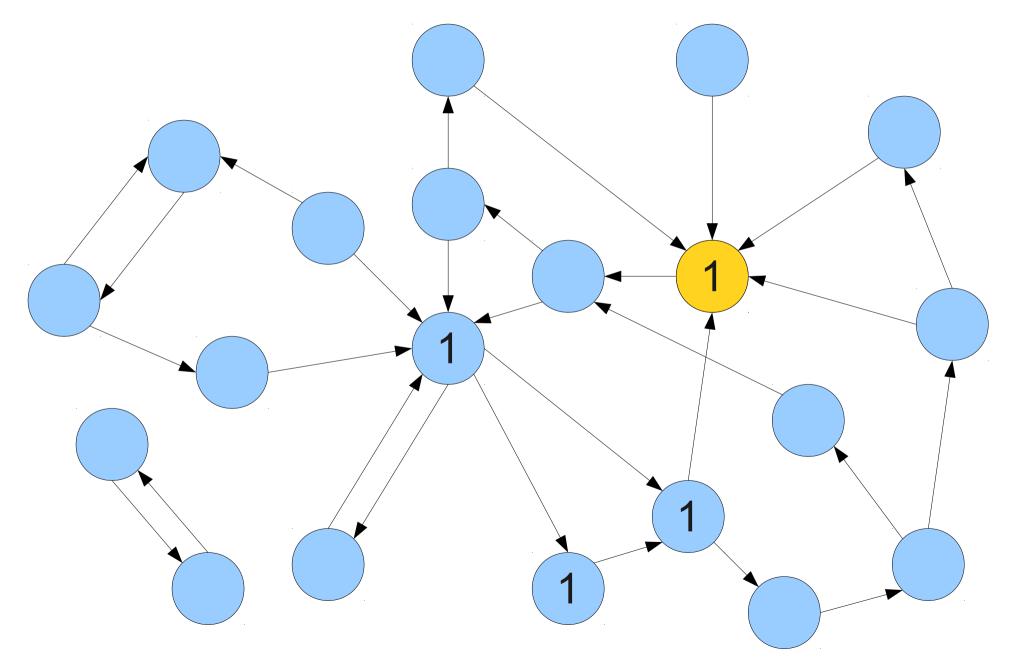


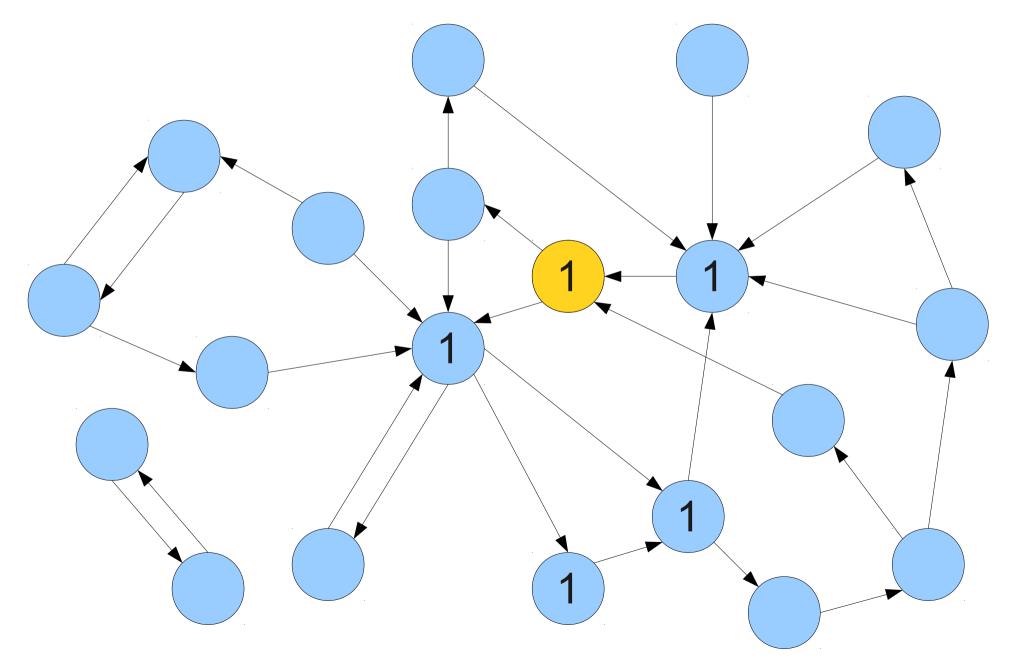


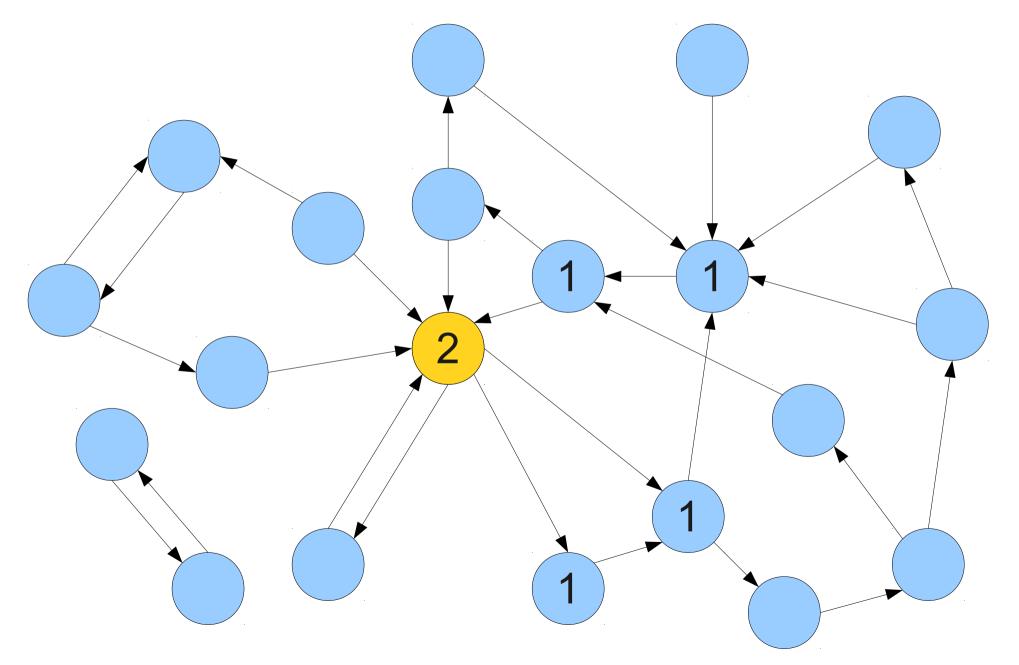


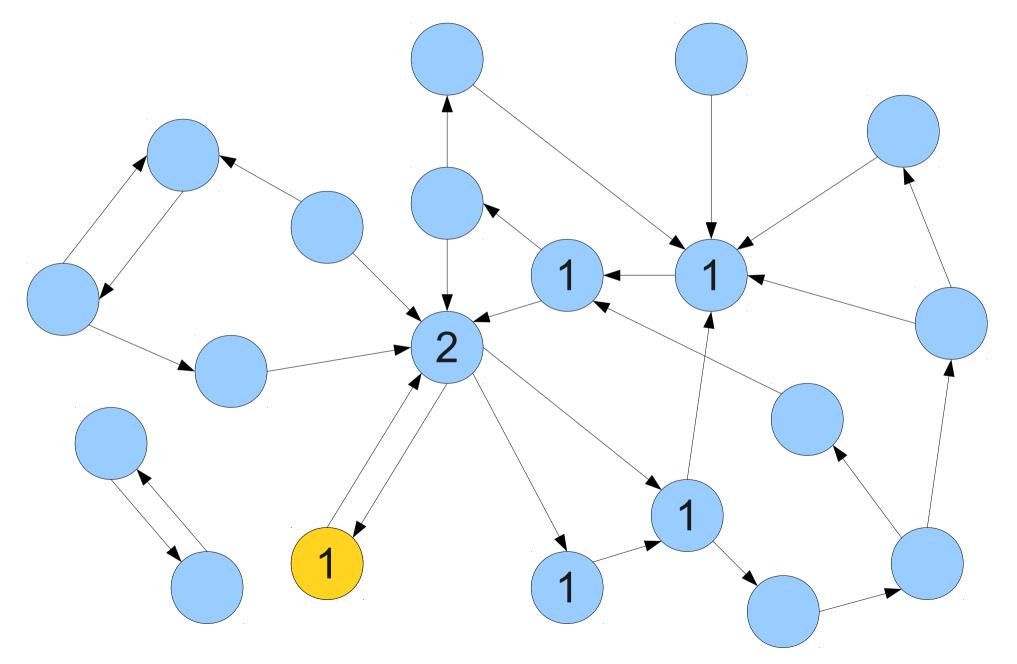


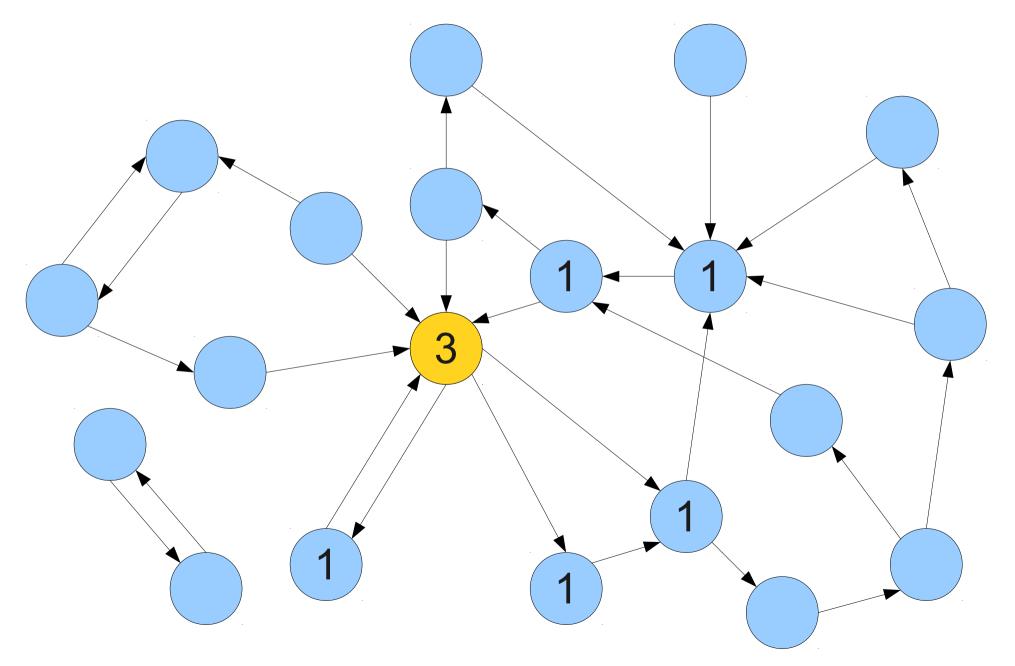


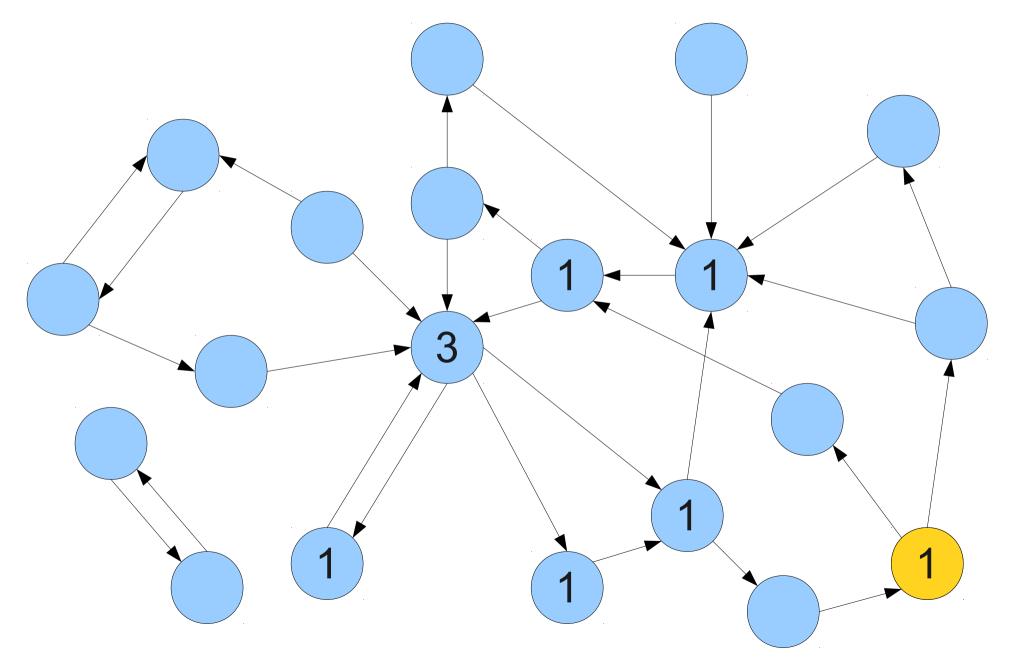


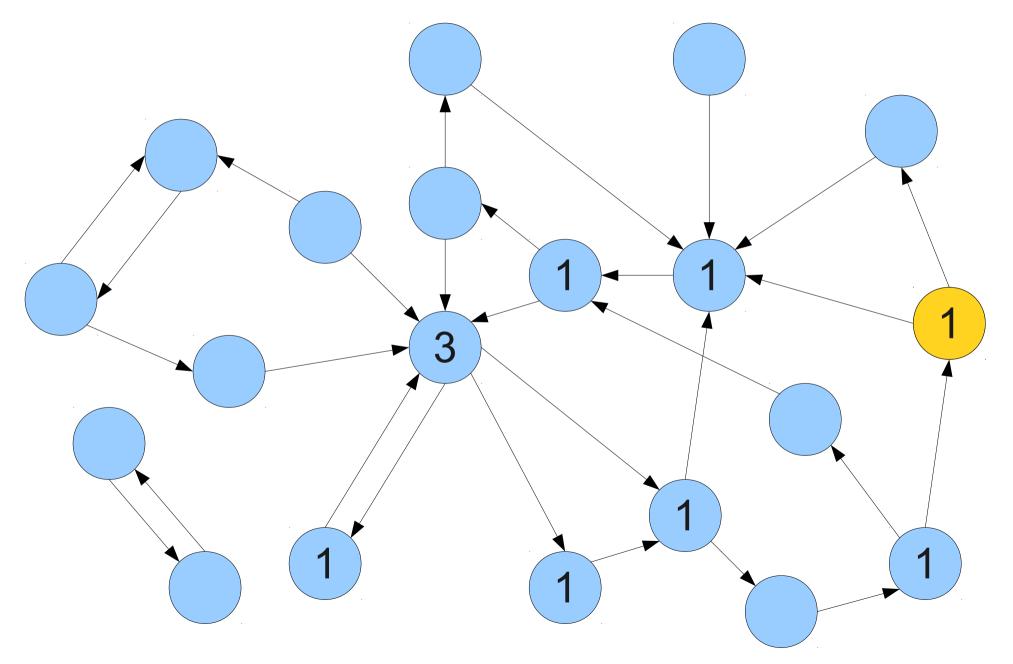


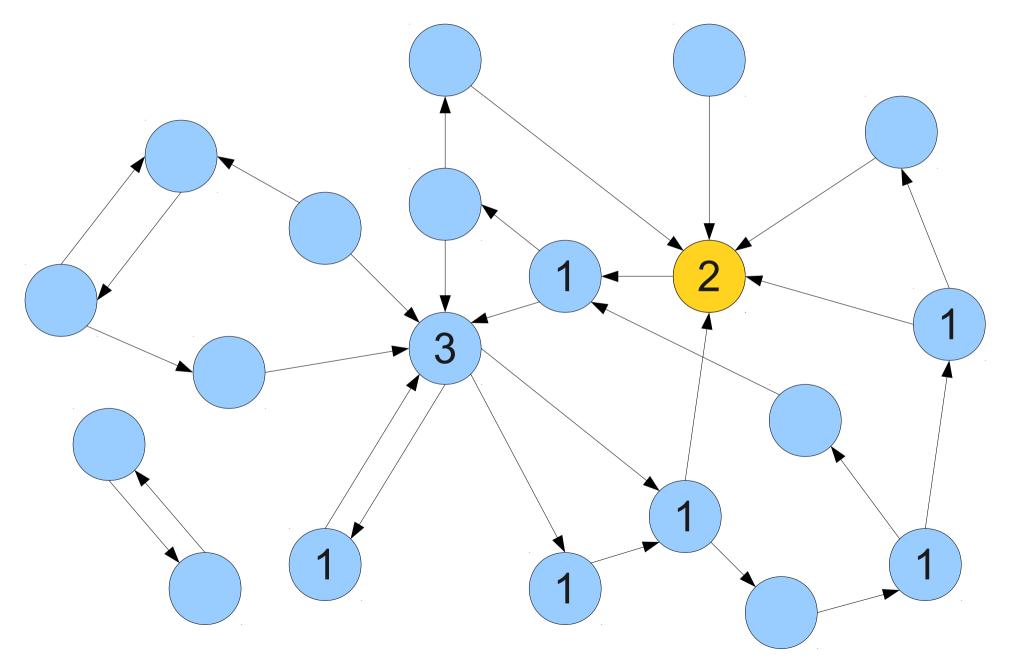


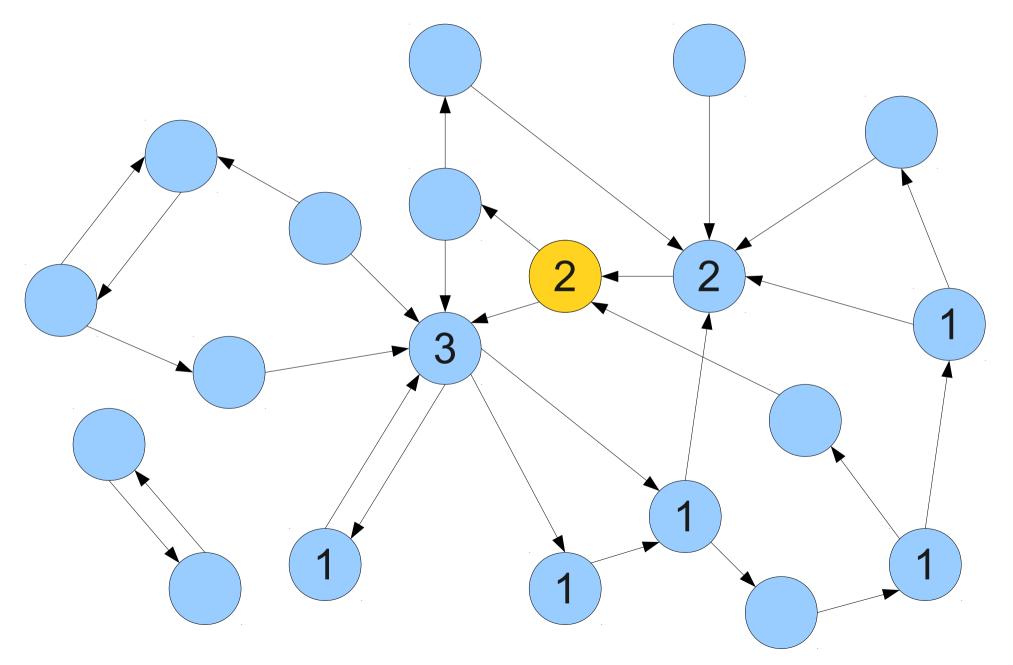


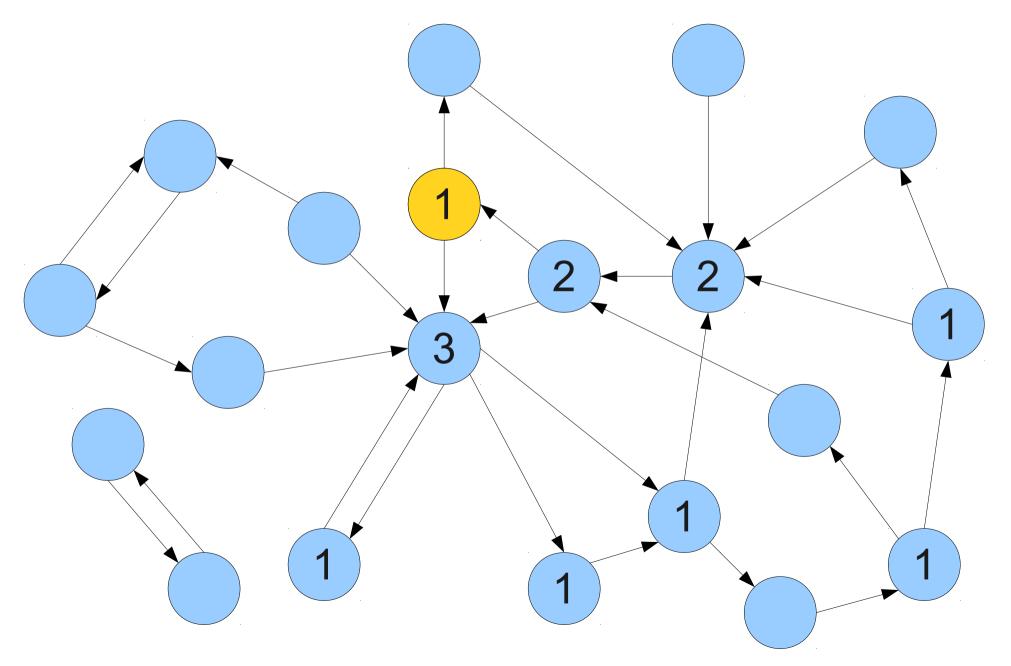


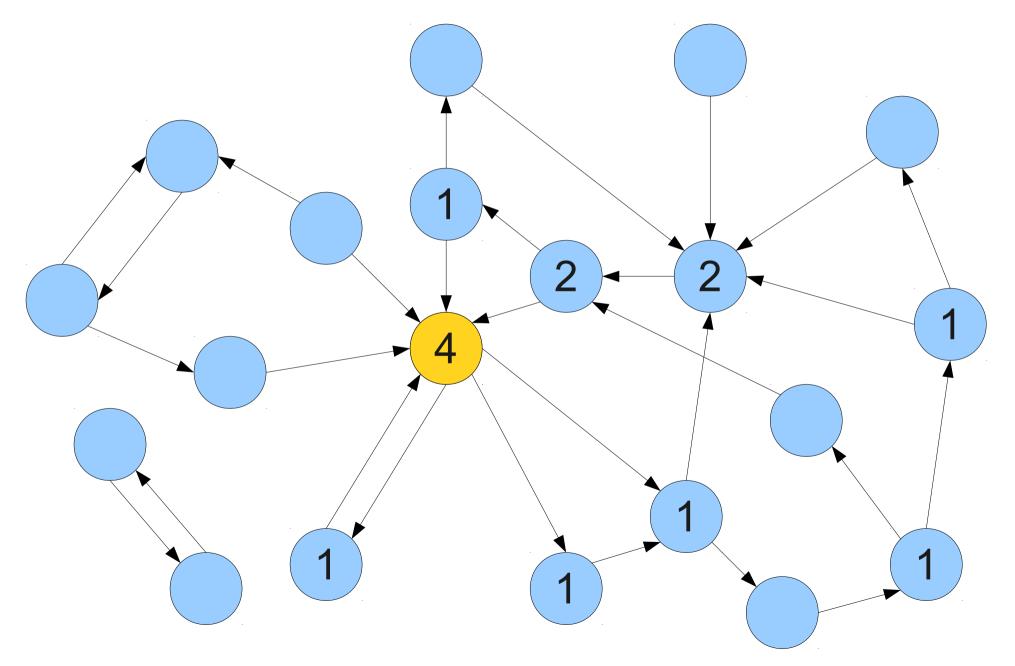


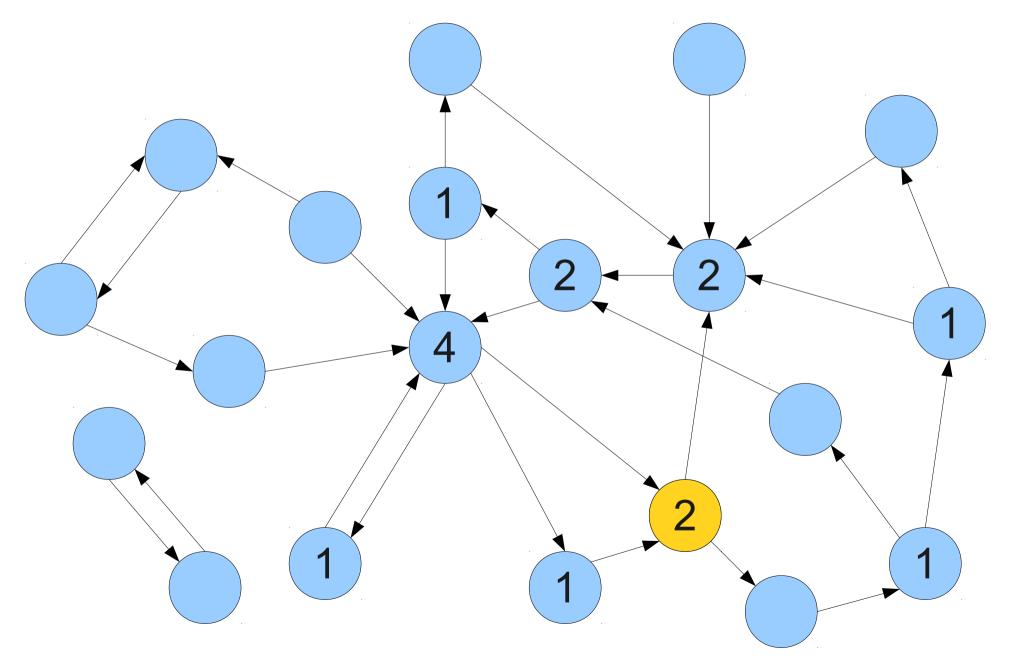


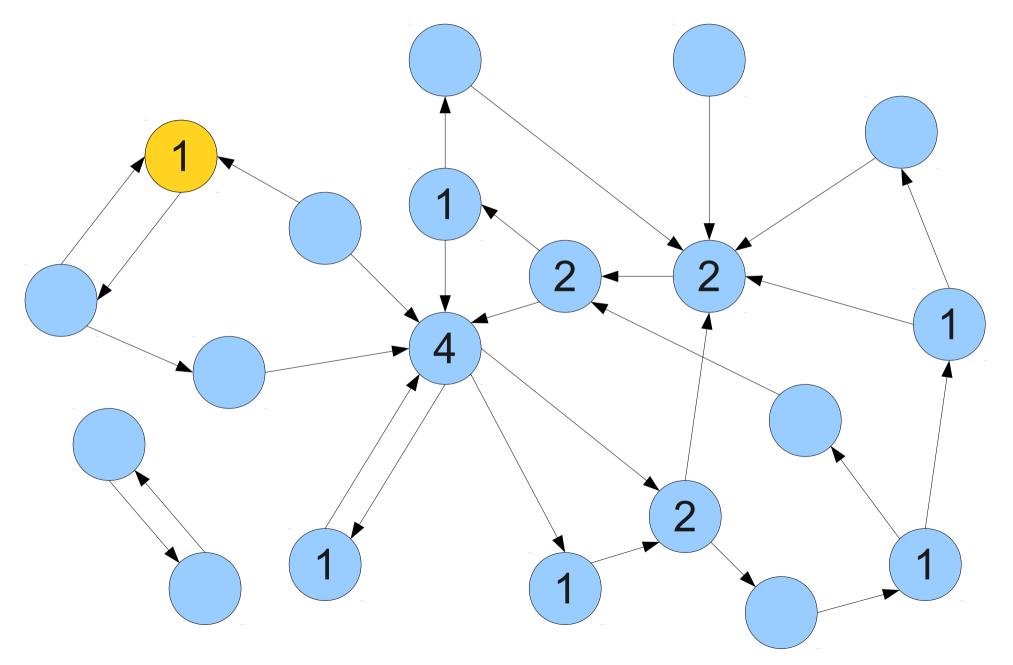


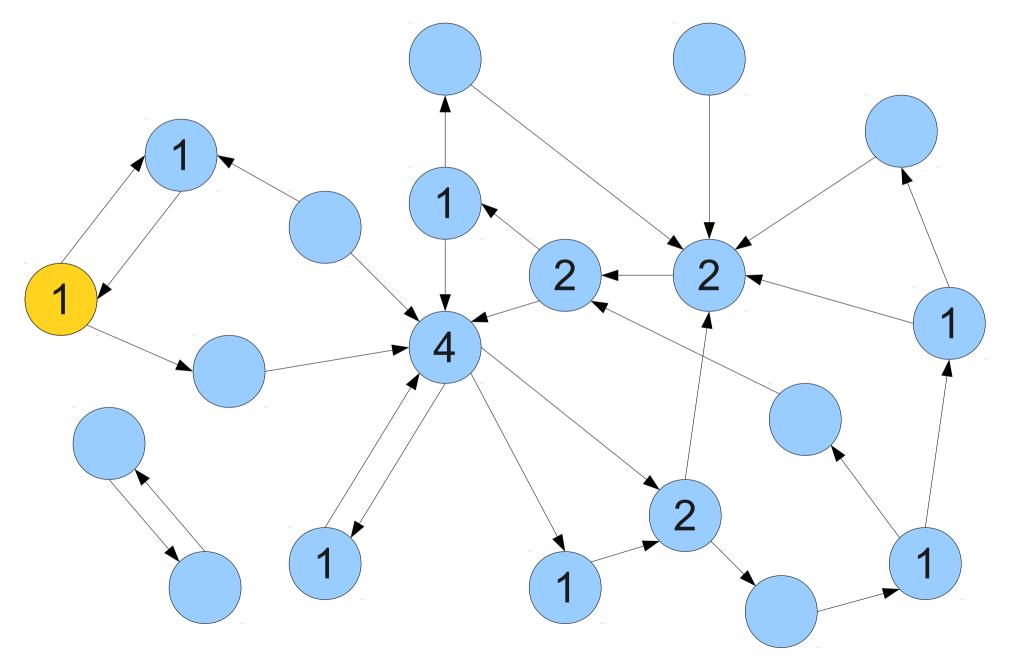


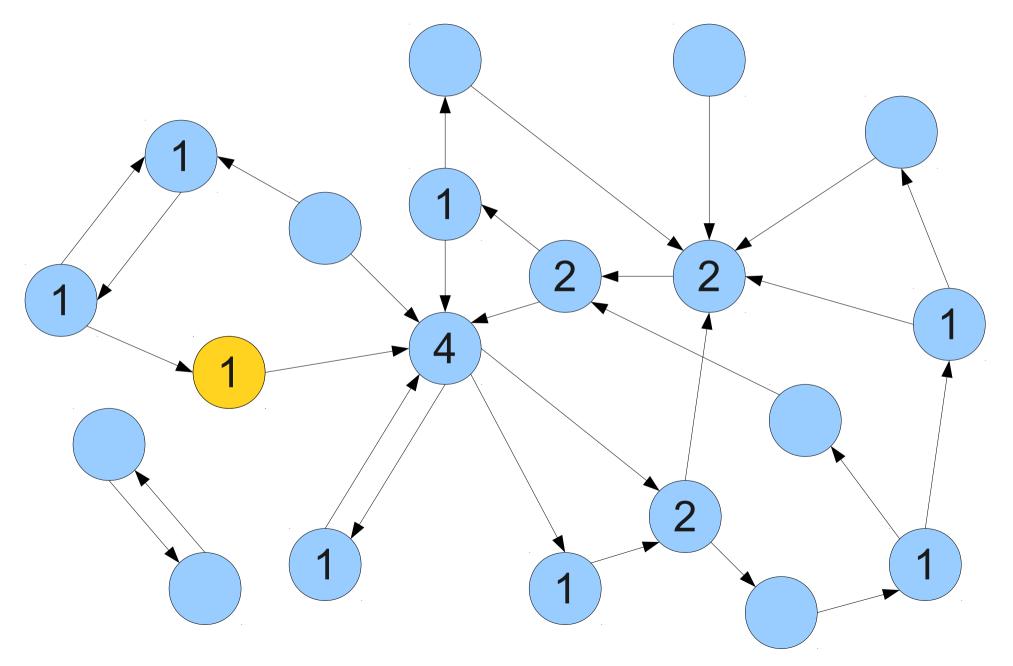


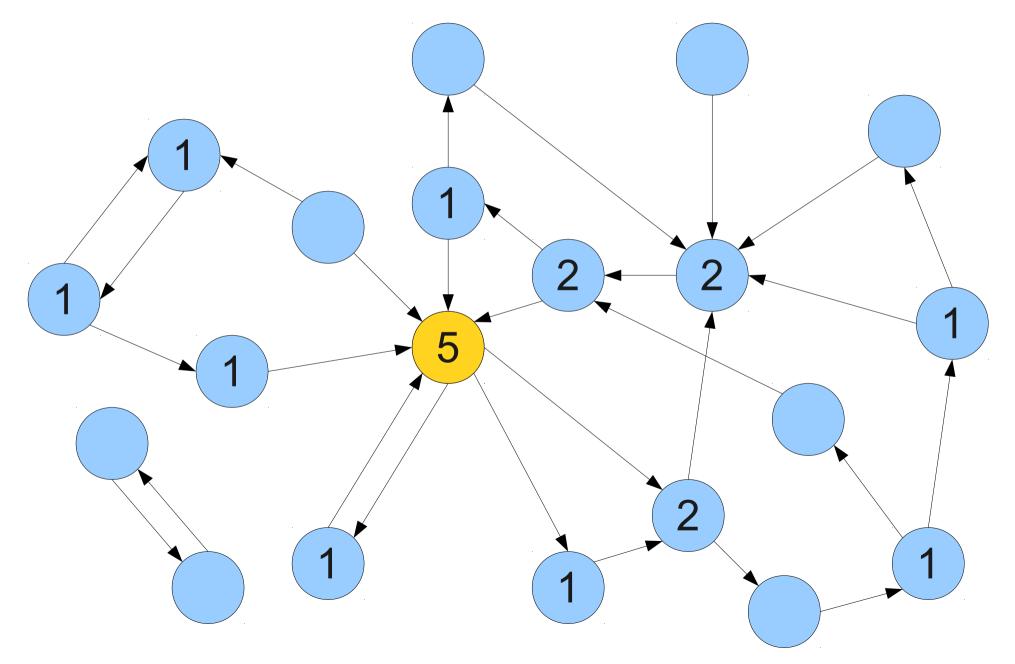


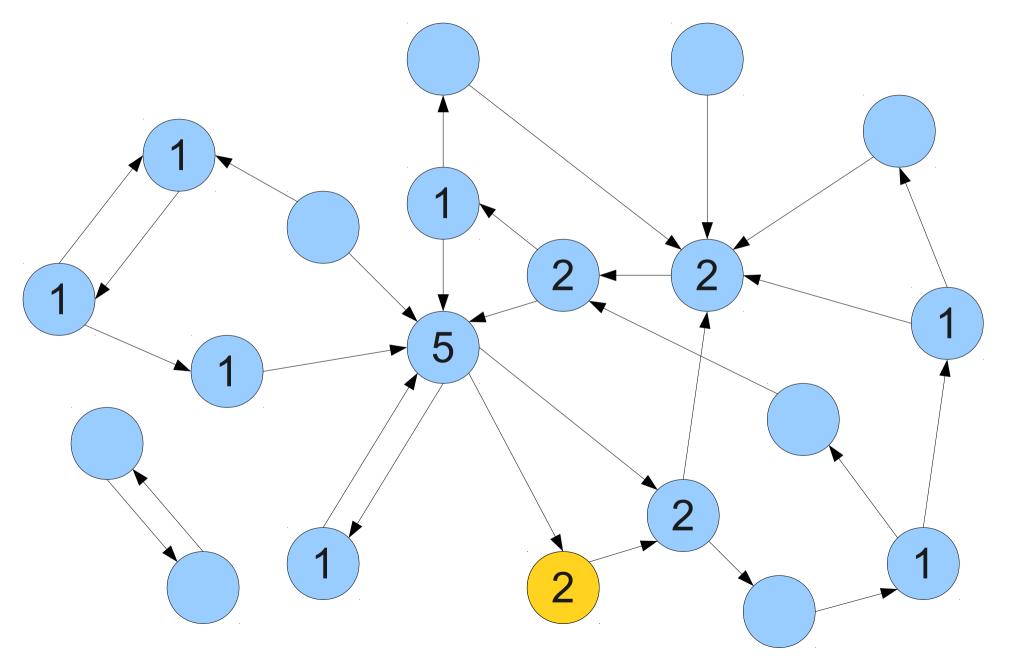


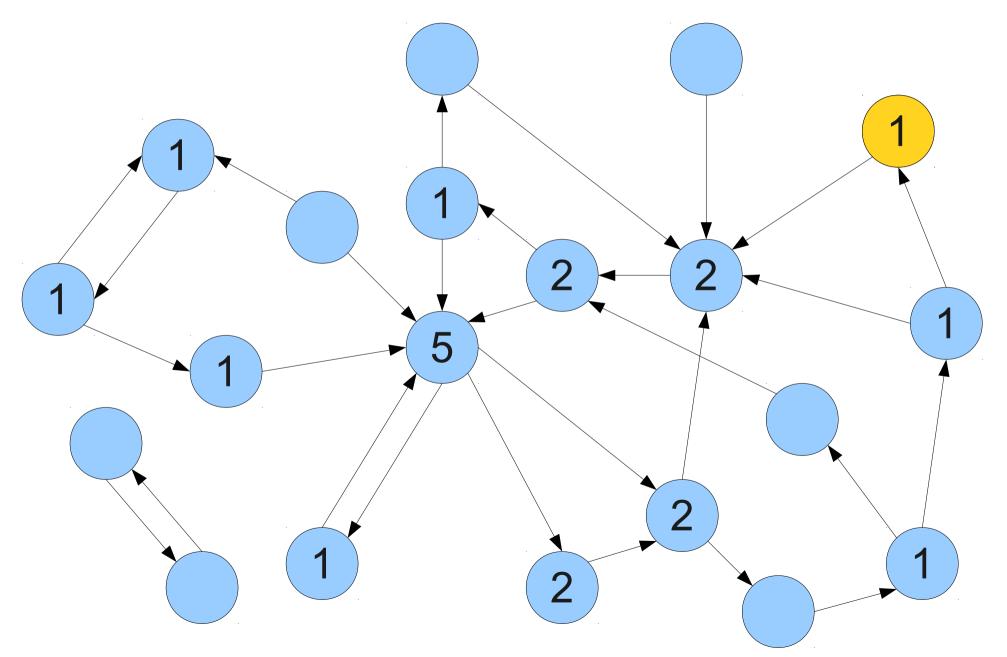


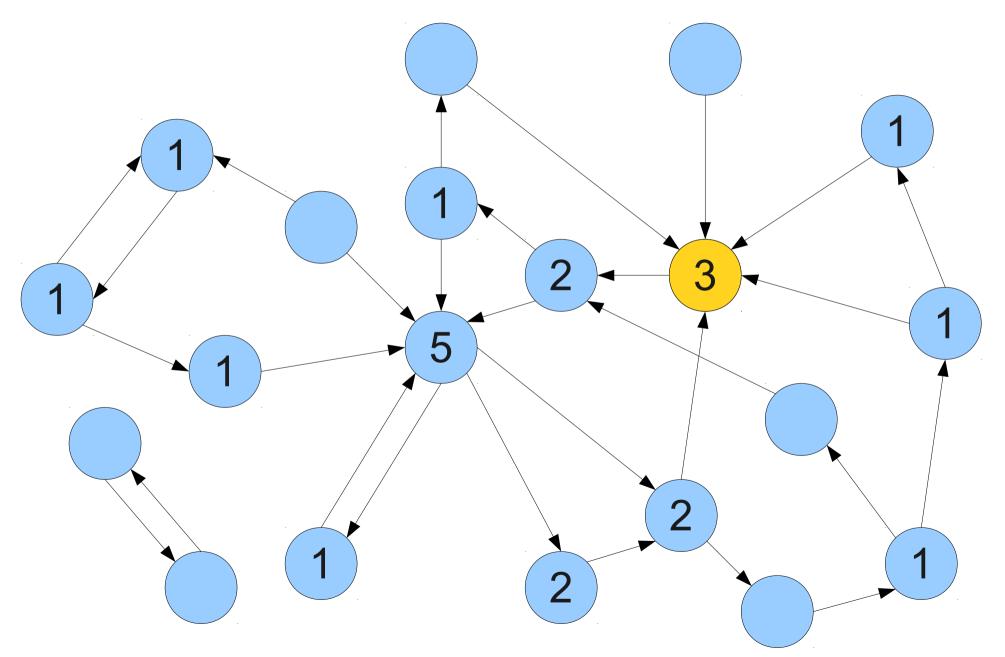


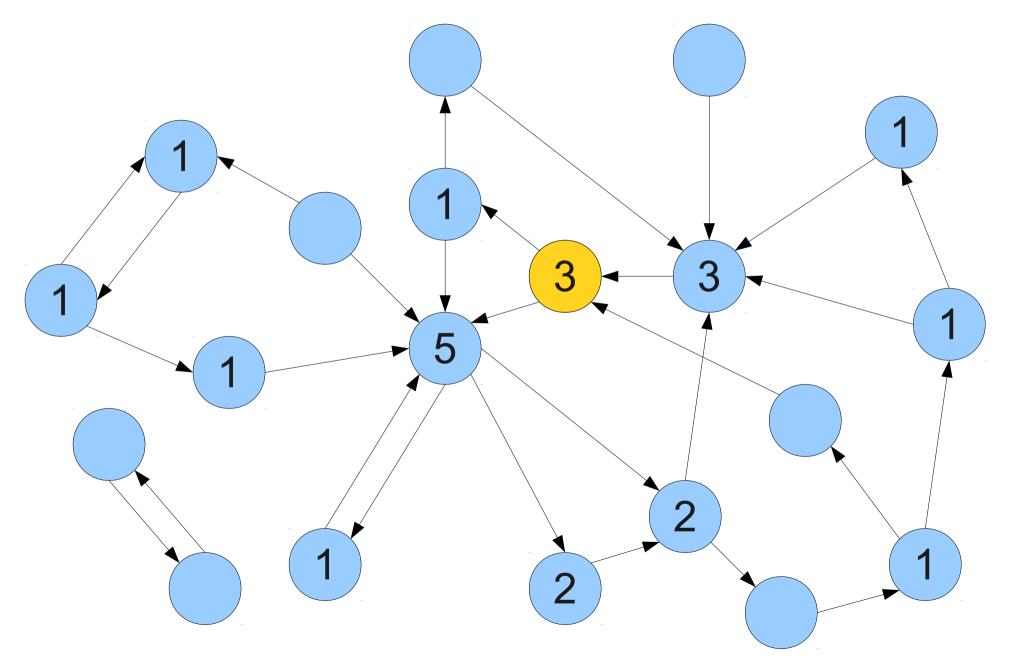


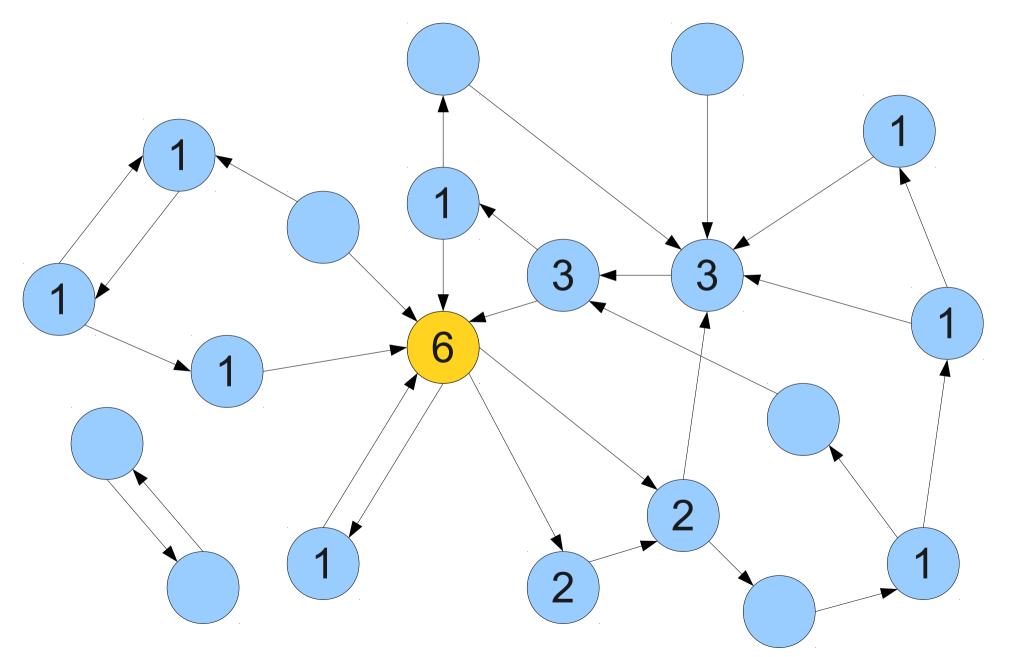


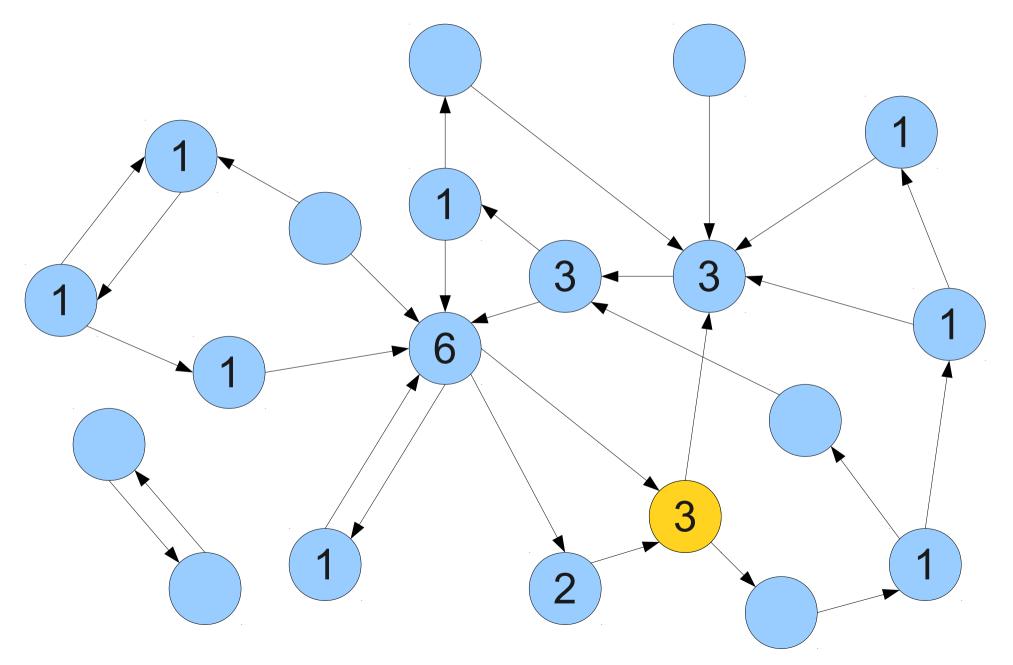


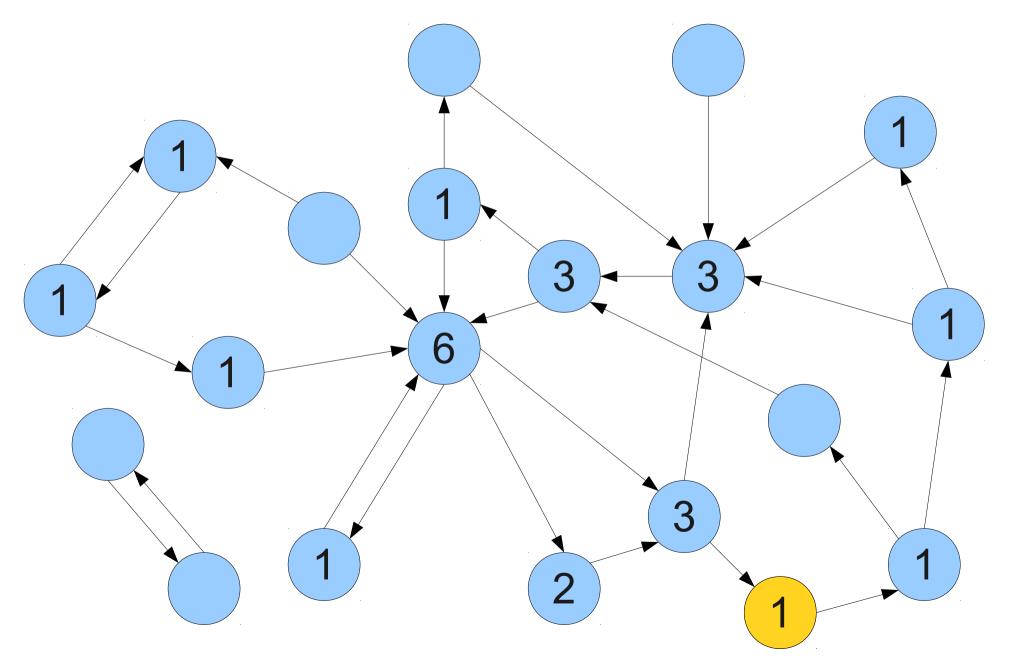


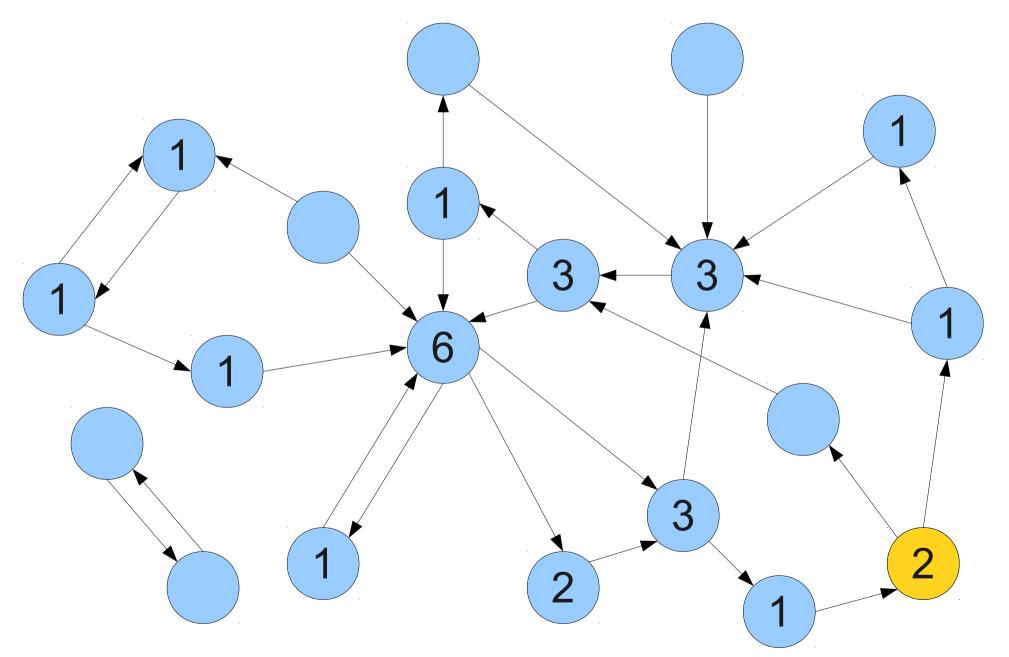


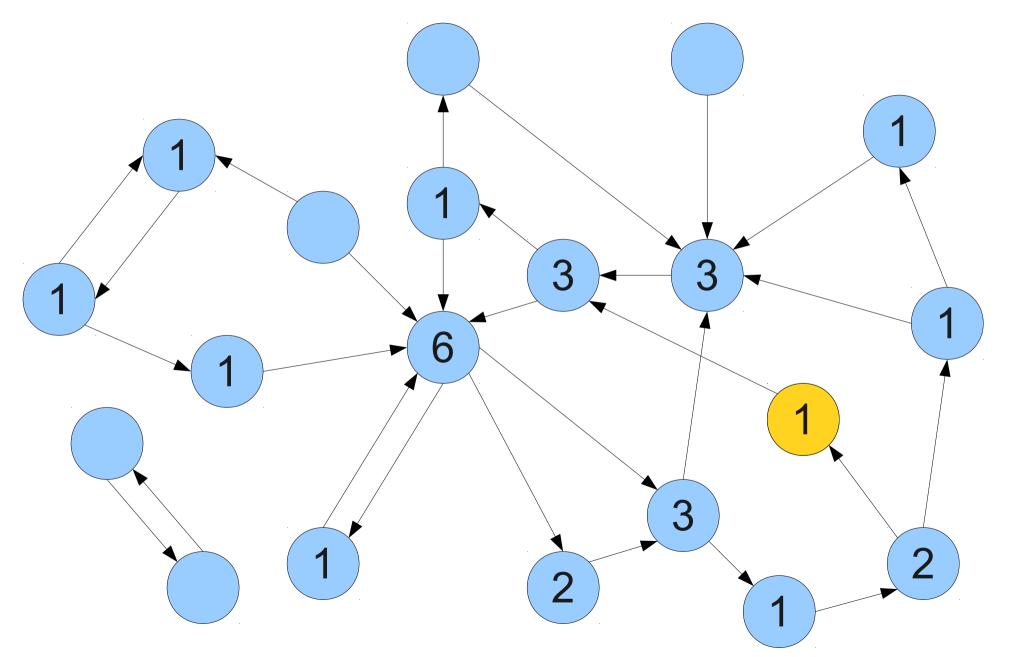


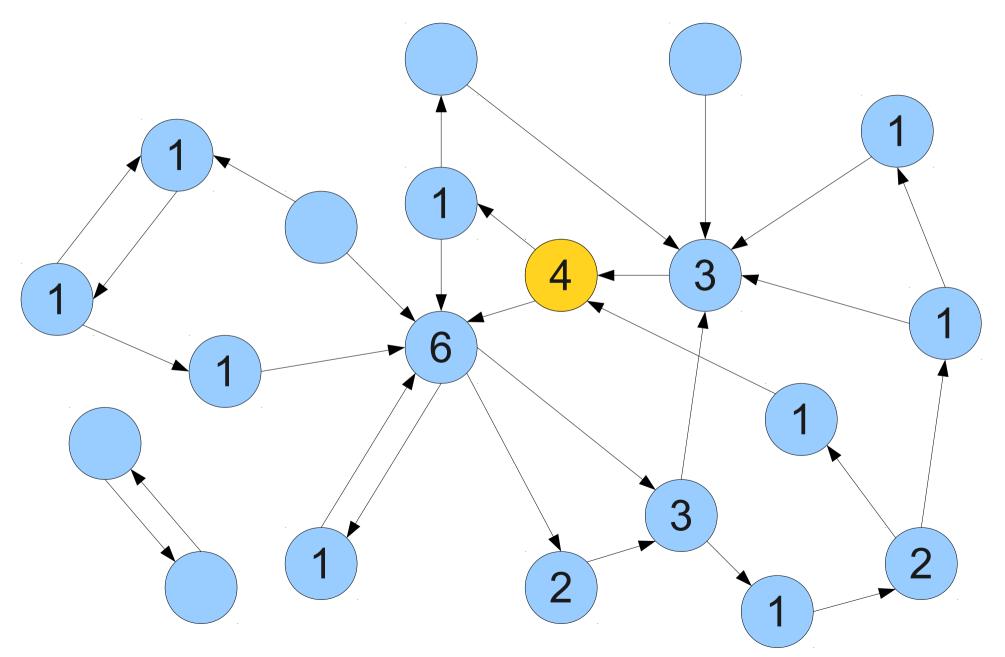


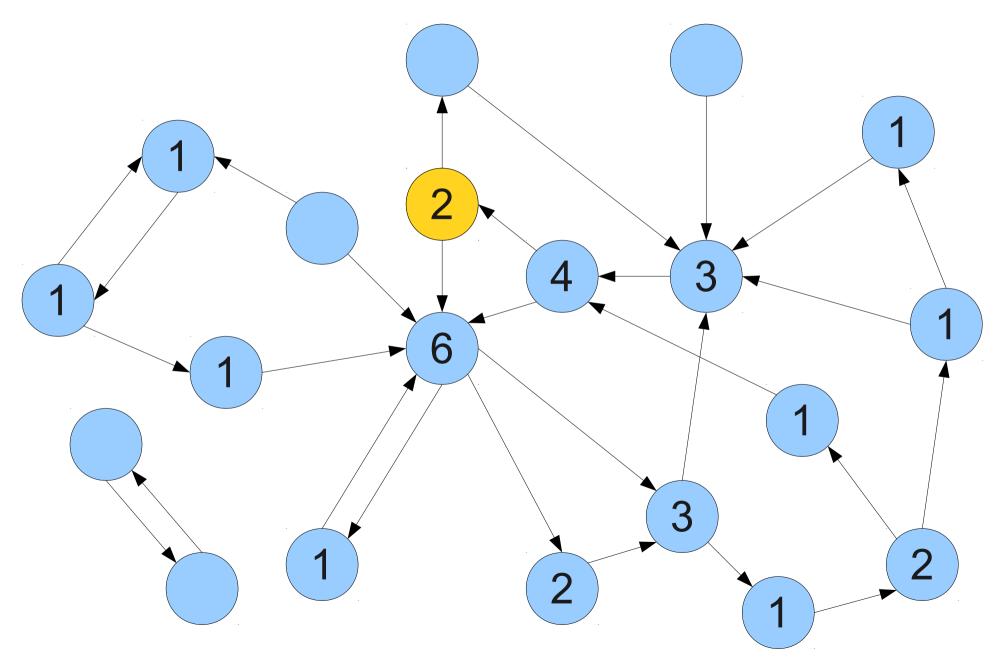


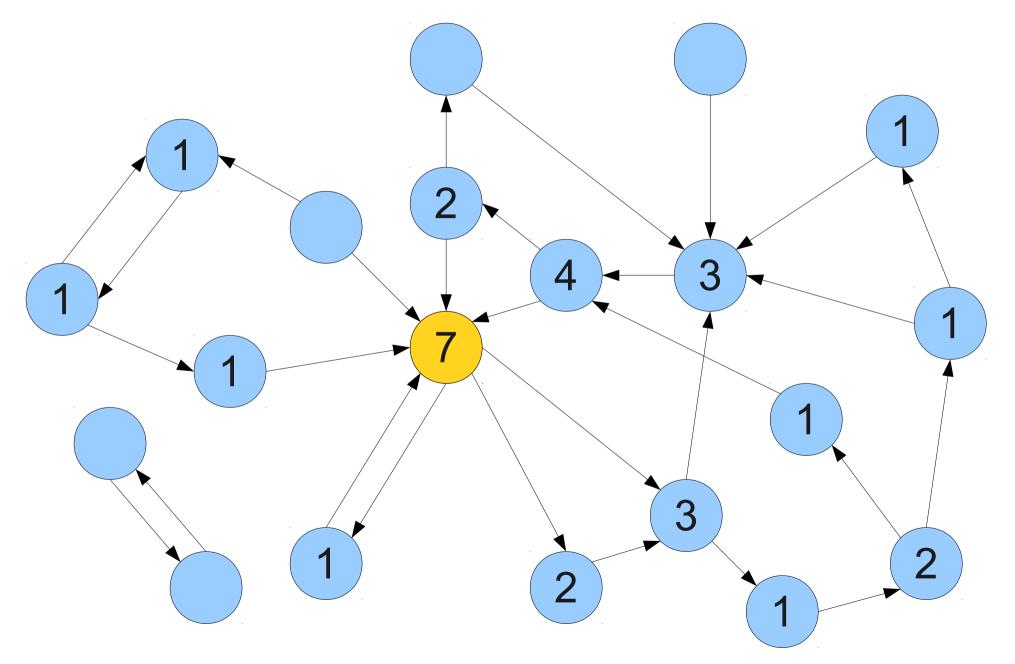


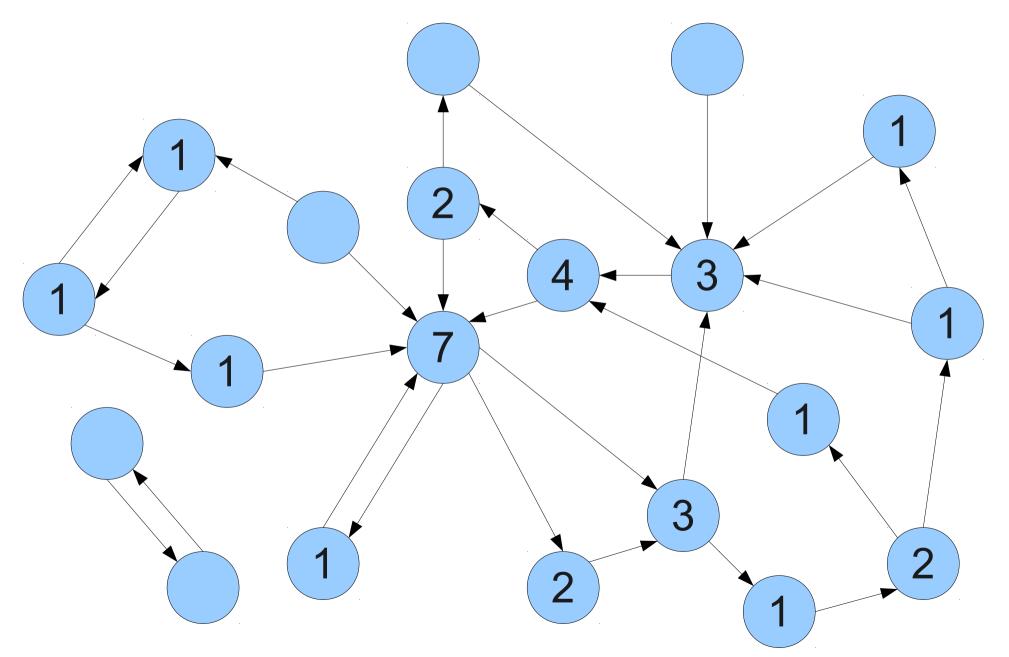


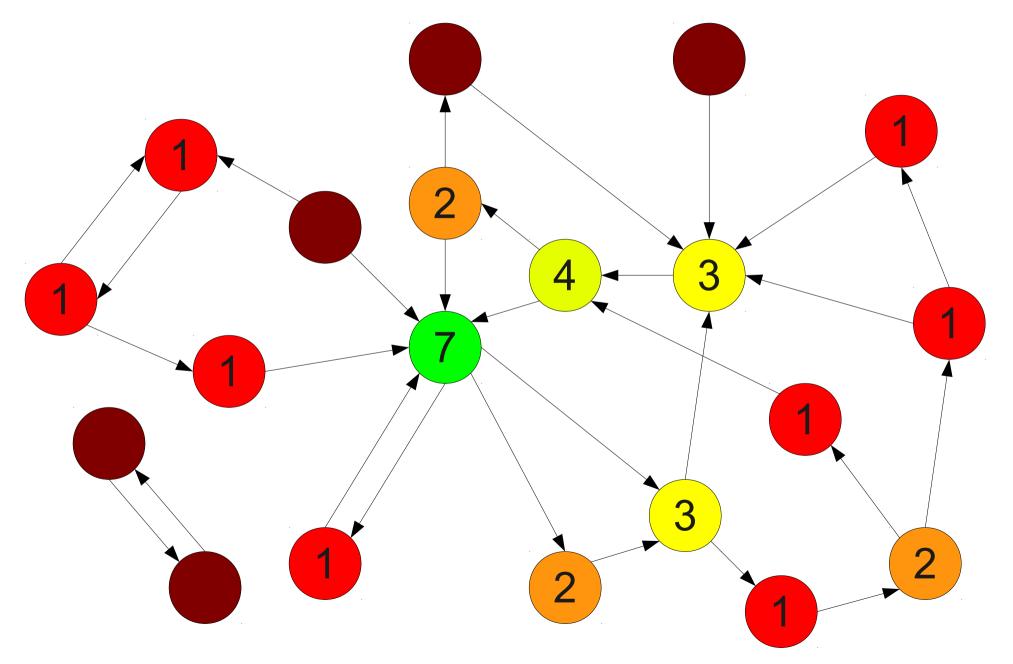












Ranking Articles with the RSM

- Randomly walk through the graph.
- At each step, either
 - Jump to a totally random article, or
 - Follow a random link.
- Record how many times each article was visited.
- The most-visited articles are, in some sense, the most important.

Other Applications of the RSM

- Ecosystem Stability:
 - Each node represents a species.
 - Edges represent one species that eats another.
 - High-value species are those that are important to the stability of the ecosystem.
- Learn more:
 - http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/8238462.stm

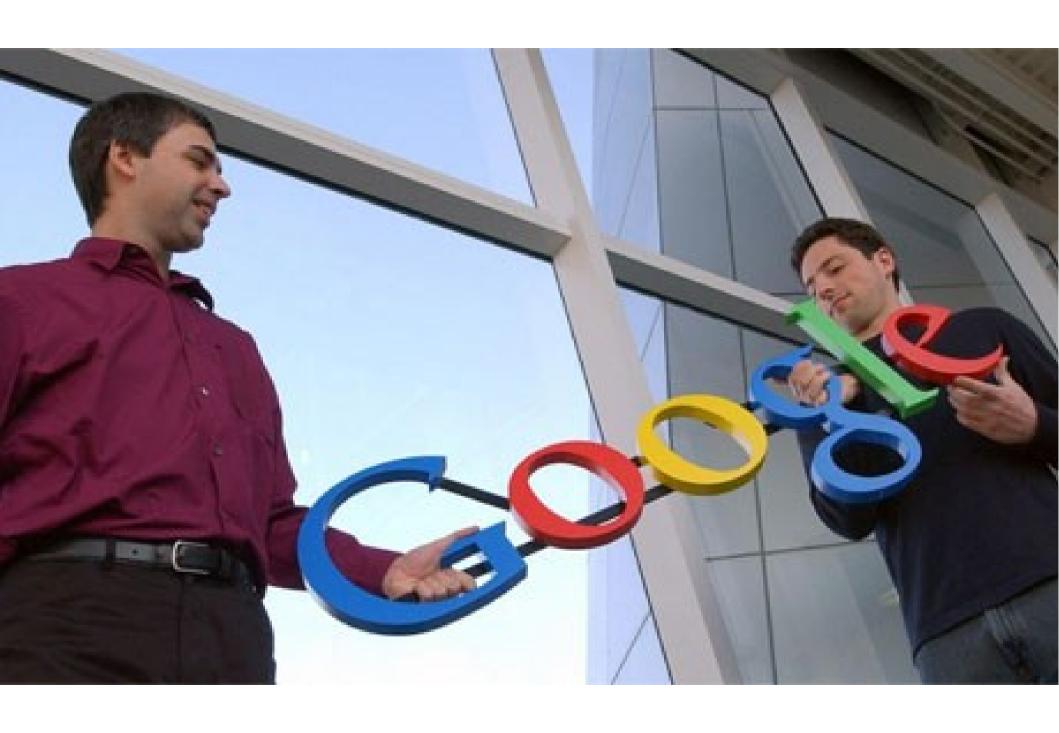
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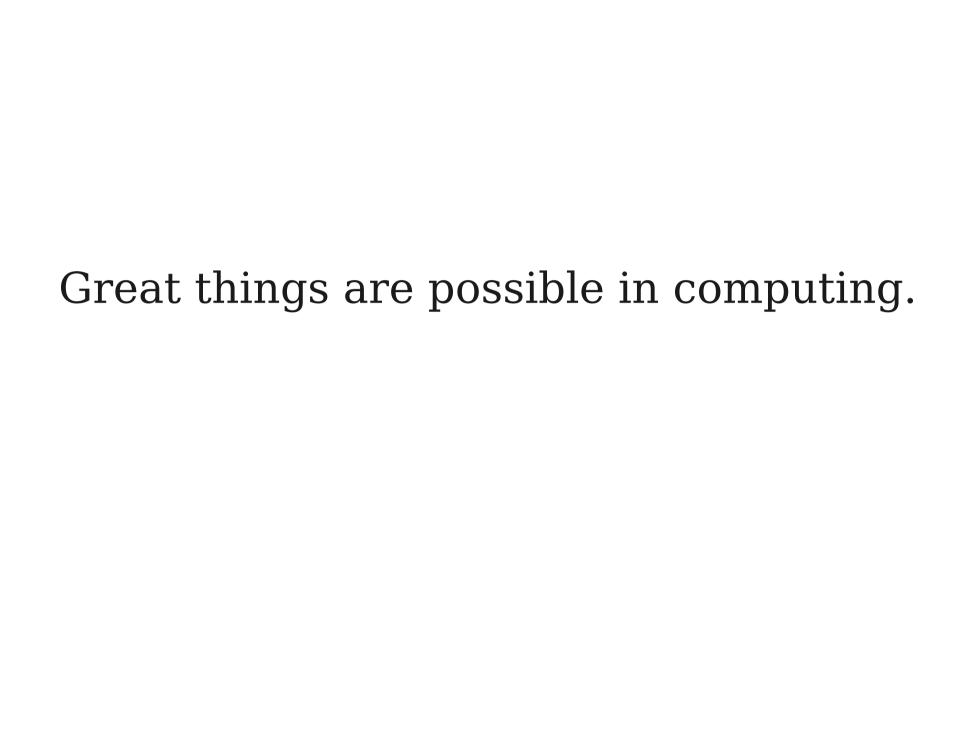
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Great things are possible in computing.

You just need to do a little random surfing.