

Graphing webs of trust

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Outline

- Relationships are everywhere
- Graphs can be used to express them
- Popular with PKI

GnuPG



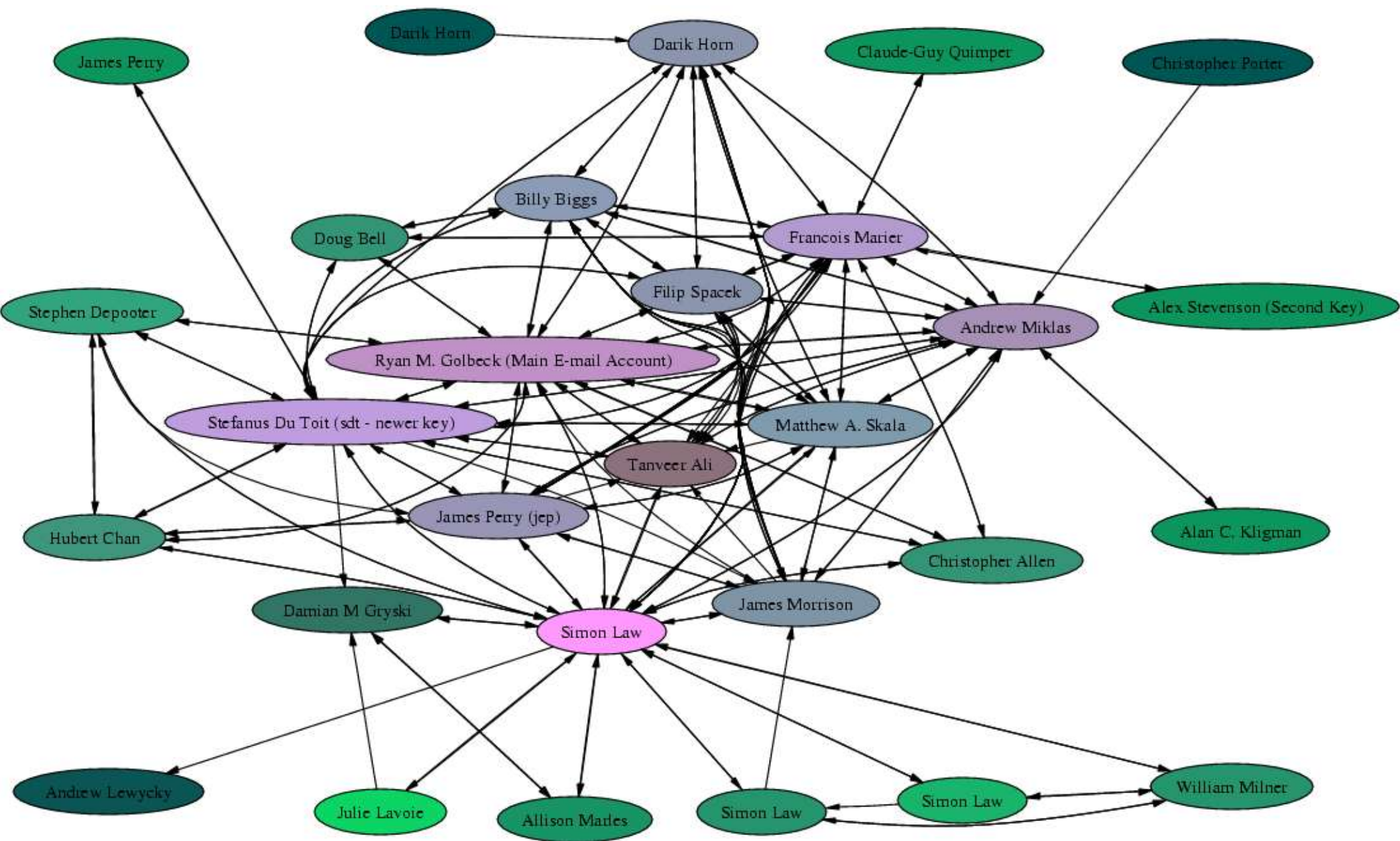
- Public key cryptography
- Keys are signed to verify identity

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pub 1024D/7796A60B 2001-07-03 Simon Law <sfllaw@debian.org>
sig C326D07F 2002-11-28 Allison Marles <apmarles@uwaterloo.ca>
sig E86453B8 2003-03-16 Gary Wong <gtw@gnu.org>
sig 2A4D17FE 2003-03-16 Kurt B. Kaiser <kbk@shore.net>
sig A7632721 2003-03-19 Avery Pennarun <apenwarr@nit.ca>
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```

- Trust is distributed through a web

Using gpg

- Importing
`gpg --recv-keys 7796A60B`
- Listing
`gpg --list-keys`
- Signatures
`gpg --list-sigs 7796A60B`



Graphing

- GnuPG - www.gnupg.org
- sig2dot - www.chaosreigns.com/code/sig2dot
- Springgraph - www.chaosreigns.com/code/springgraph
- Graphviz - www.research.att.com/sw/tools/graphviz/
- Imagemagick - www.imagemagick.org
- GhostScript - www.ghostscript.com

dotty

- Format created by AT&T
- Used to express graphs
- sig2dot turns gpg output into dotty

Springgraph / Graphviz

- Graphviz was original software
- dot and neato
- Non-free

- Springgraph written as replacement
- Uglier output

Makefile

- Automated graph generation
- Choose keys
vi small.keys
- Generate graph
make small.ps
- www.law.yi.org/~sflaw/webotrust/



- Friendship networks:
 - LiveJournal
 - Orkut
- No API – Bad web services
- Screenscraping to the rescue

WWW::Mechanize

- Perl module for screen-scraping
- Extract information through brute-force
- Python programmers have Mechanize



Ti-mine The Ever-Restful

★ 2 fans
[Simon](#) > [Ti-mine](#)

- ✉ send message
- 📌 add to bookmarks
- 📖 view scrapbook
- ✍ write testimonial
- 🗑 ignore user
- 🚩 report as bogus

relationship status: single general

here for: friends, activity partners, business networking, dating

children: no

ethnicity: other

religion: Spiritual but not religious

humor: obscure

fashion: classic

smoking: no

drinking: no

living: with roommate(s), friends visit often

interests

activities: napping, pretending to want to go outside, verifying that it's still winter outside the front door, sitting on books, napping, slaughtering the innocent, string theory, hiding in a box

cuisines: sushi, tuna, deli turkey, zucchini

contact

country: Canada

his friends (7)

[Simon](#) (98) [James](#) (52) [Stefanus](#) (56)

[Damian](#) (42) [Julie](#) (44) [James](#) (24)

[Filip](#) (17)

[view network](#) << >> [view friends](#)

his communities (1)



[Idlers & Layabouts](#) (218)

>> [view all](#)

Testimonials (what friends say about Ti-mine)



Ti-mine The Ever-Restful
male, single
Canada

interested in:
friends, activity
partners, business
networking, dating

- view profile
- view network

Ti-mine's friends [Simon](#) > [Ti-mine](#)



[Simon Law](#) (98)
male, committed
Canada



[James Morrison](#) (52)
male, single
Canada



[Stefanus Du Toit](#) (56)
male, married
Canada



[Damian Gryski](#) (42)
male, committed
Canada



[Julie Lavoie](#) (44)
female, committed
Canada



[James Perry](#) (24)
male, single
Canada

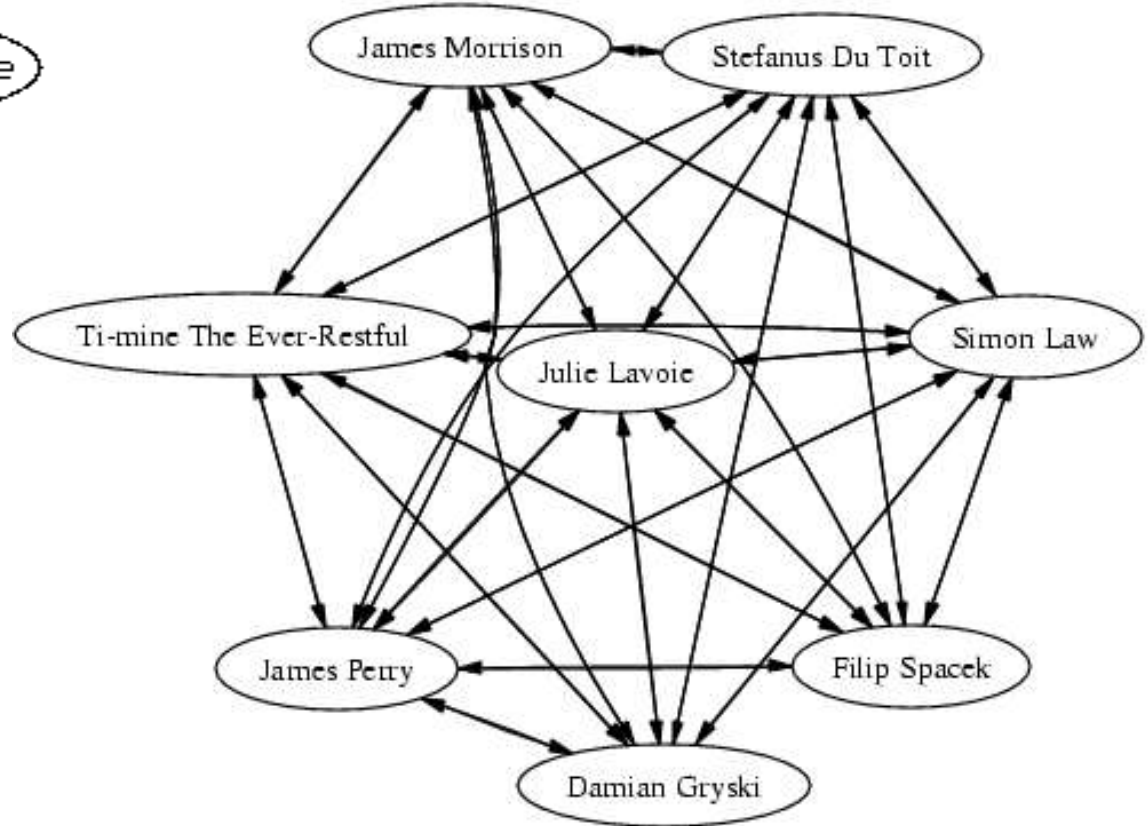
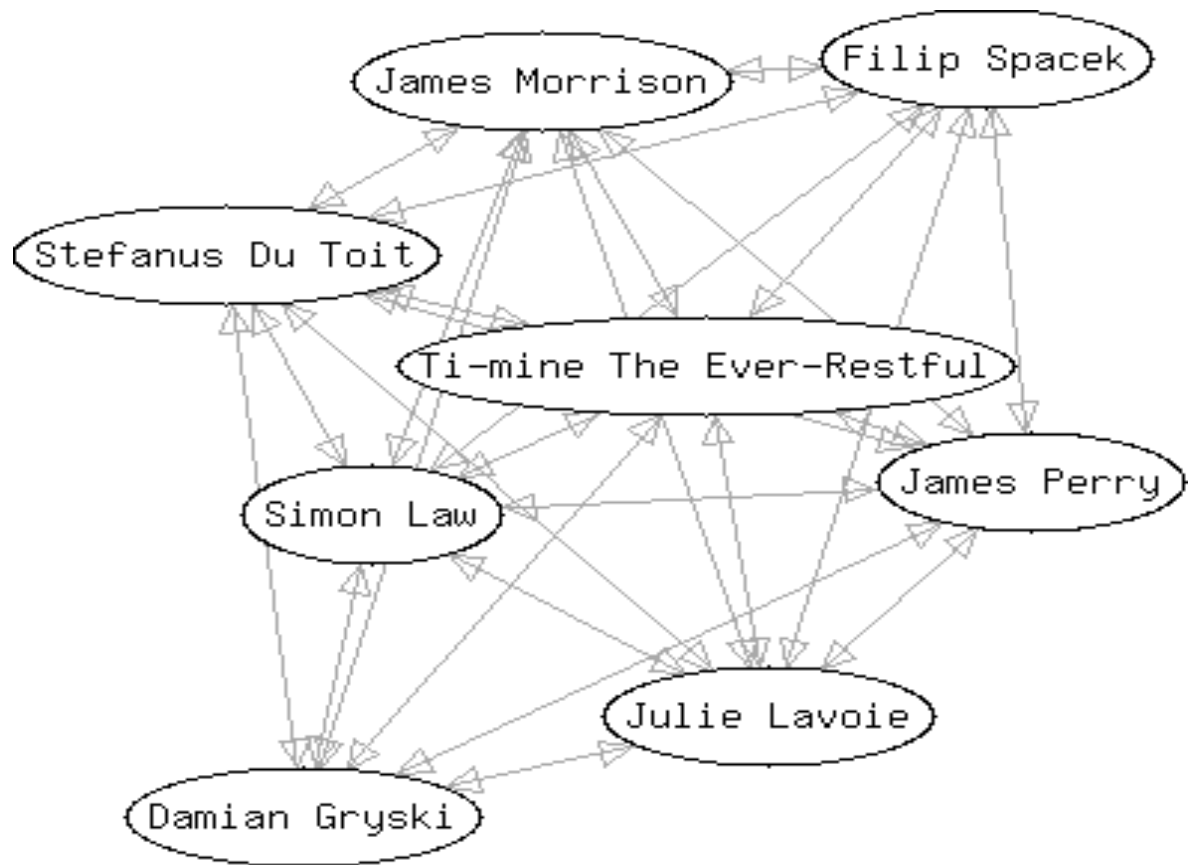


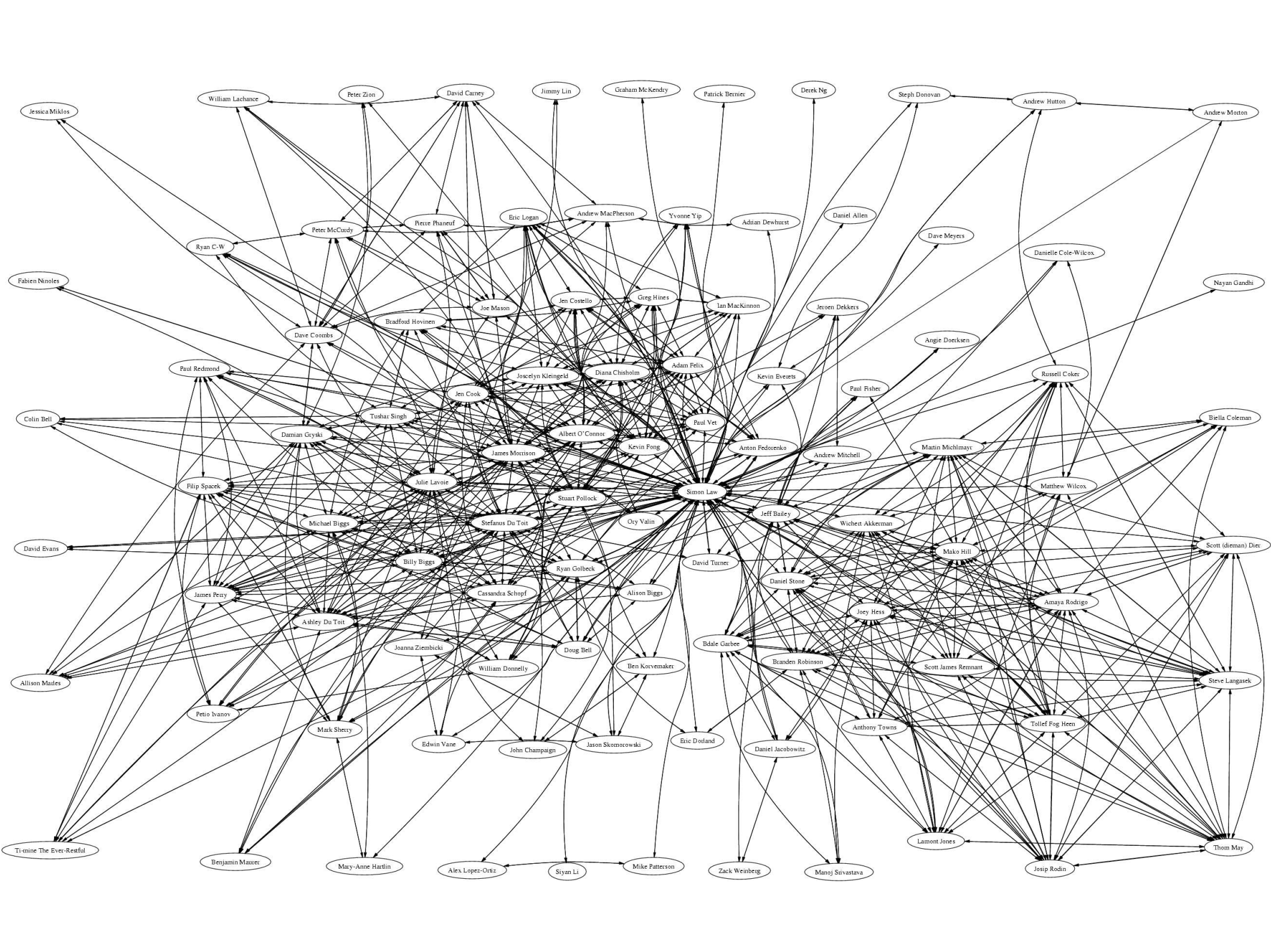
[Filip Spacek](#) (17)
male, single
Canada

orkut2dot

- www.law.yi.org/~sflaw/orkut/
- Login to Orkut
- Grab friends list
- Express friend relationships as dotty

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digraph "orkut-friends" {
overlap=scale
splines=true
sep=.1
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"12844995540901076604" [label="Simon Law"]
"18382718694854960532" [label="Damian Gryski"]
"8816214453087733190" [label="James Morrison"]
"18319254315441690879" [label="Stefanus Du Toit"]
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Conclusion

- Graphs can be used to analyse relationships
- Standard format: dotty
- Springgraph / Graphviz
- WWW::Mechanize
- www.law.yi.org/~sflaw/talks/