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A Stalling Graph for a subgroup N is the directed graph obtained from the disjoint union of the paths in by identifying the root vertices. If we consider a finitely presented group $G \cong F/N$, then G can be thought of as a quotient group. Where G is a quotient of F a free group, and N is the normal closure of the subgroup generated by the relators given for G , we can construct a Stalling Subgroup Graph for N . It turns out that this graph includes all of the necessary information contained in the Cayley Graph for G that is used to rewrite words in F as a product of conjugates of the relators given for G . In this talk use the Stalling Subgroup Graph for N to give a more efficient algorithm to rewrite words in a finitely presented group as a product of conjugates of relators. As a practical application to this algorithm one can use it to do arithmetic in group extensions assuming the 2-cocycles are given. (Received December 09, 2010)