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Languages learned

- Python [Programming Language]
- HTML [Markup Language]

Data storage

- CSV files
- JSON files

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- SQL [Query Language]

Data storage

- CSV files
- JSON files
- SQL databases

structured query language

Learning Objectives

- Explain how a database is different from a CSV file or a JSON file
- Use SQLite to connect to a database and pandas to query the database
- Write basic queries on a database using SELECT, FROM, WHERE, ORDER BY, and LIMIT

CSV

State	Capital	Population	Area
WI	Madison	5795000	65498
...

Characteristics

- one table

SQL Database

State	Capital
WI	Madison
...	...

State	Population
WI	5795000
...	...

County	Pop	un_emp
Dane	536416	0.02
...

State	Area
WI	65498
...	...

Characteristics

- collection of tables, each named

CSV

State	Capital	Population	Area
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Characteristics

- one table
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SQL Database

capital

State	Capital
WI	Madison
...	...

populations

State	Population
WI	5795000
...	...

counties

County	Pop	un_emp
Dane	536416	0.02
...

area

State	Area
WI	65498
...	...

Characteristics

- collection of tables, each named
- columns *always* named

CSV

State	Capital	Population	Area
string	string	string	string
string	string	string	string
string	string	string	string
string	string	string	string
string	string	string	string
string	string	string	string
string	string	string	string

Characteristics

- one table
- columns *sometimes* named
- **everything is a string**

SQL Database

capital

S

State	Capital
text	text

populations

State	Population
text	integer

area
s

County	Pop	un_emp
Dane	536416	0.02
...

State	Area
WI	65498
...	...

no text allowed

Characteristics

- collection of tables, each named
- columns *always* named
- **types per column (enforced)**

Why use a database?

1. More Structure

Database

A	B	C
text	integer	real

same fields and same types in every column

CSV

A,B,C
string,string,string
string,string,string
string,string,string
string,string,string

everything is a string

```
[{"A":"val", "B":10, "C":3.14},  
 {"A":"val"},  
 {"A":"v2", "B": 9, "C":False},  
 ]
```

JSON

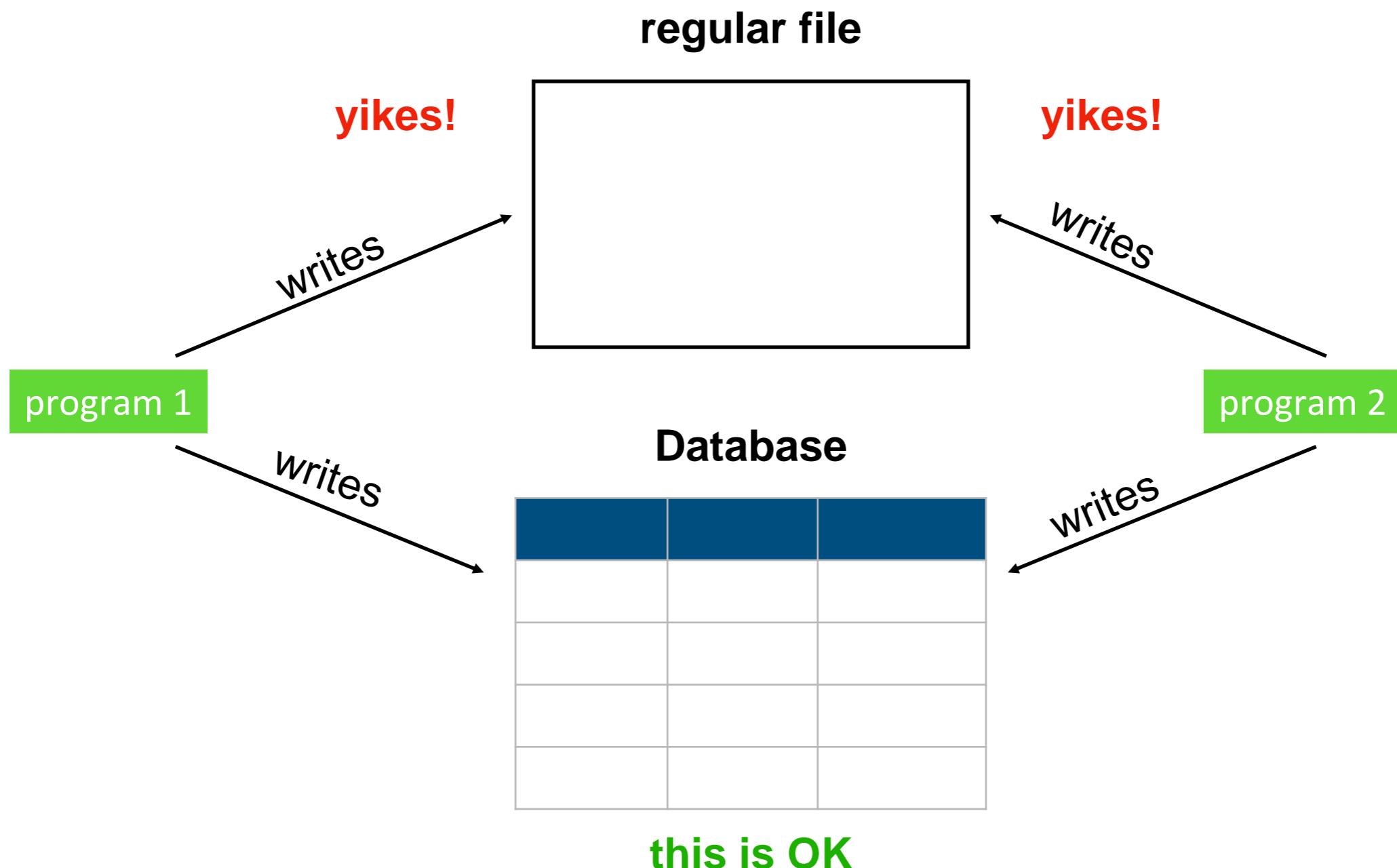
types, but...
missing values

types may differ across columns

Why use a database?

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Why use a database?

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3. Queries

Python code to find
actor who appeared
in most movies

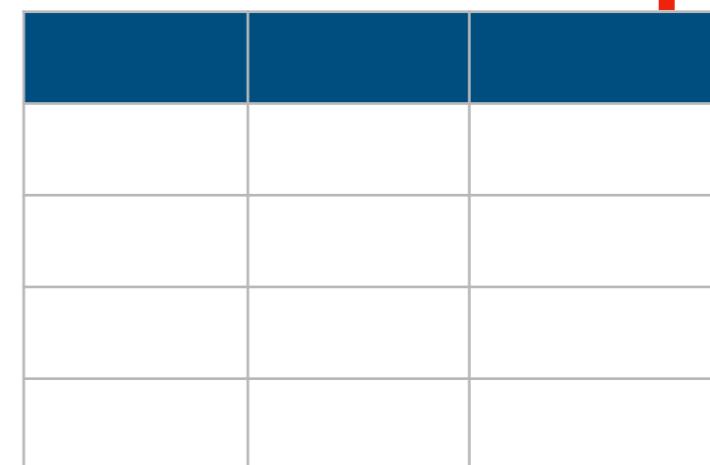
regular file



which actor appeared
in the most movies?

Christopher Lee

Database



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**Python code to find
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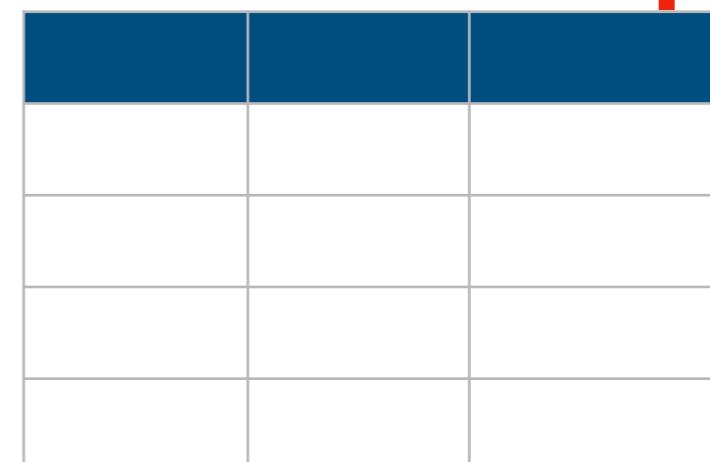
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question formulated in SQL
(structured query language)

Christopher Lee

Database



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Let's play a game where we pretend to be a database!

names	age	score
Parker	?	?
Heidy	?	?
Shirly	?	?
Arla	?	?
Bella	?	?
Bill	?	?
Hollis	?	?
Maurita	?	?
Milda	?	?
Pearline	?	?
Teresa	?	?
Ceola	?	?
Milford	?	?
Alisha	?	?
Antonetta	?	?
Ryan	?	?
Karma	?	?
Lashandra	?	?
Breana	?	?
Sara	?	?

Question 1:

How many people are 23 or younger?

Question 2:

How many people scored 23 or less?



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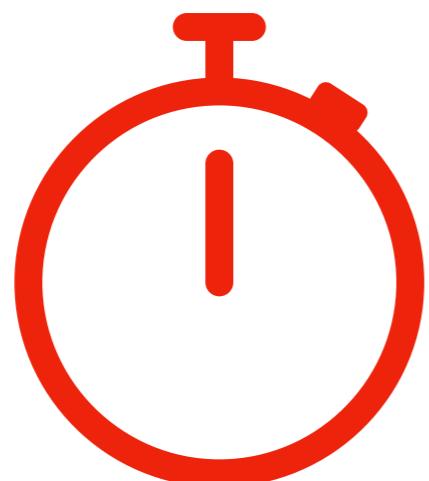
names	age	score
Parker	26	?
Heidy	22	?
Shirly	27	?
Arla	21	?
Bella	22	?
Bill	28	?
Hollis	26	?
Maurita	22	?
Milda	22	?
Pearline	29	?
Teresa	25	?
Ceola	30	?
Milford	25	?
Alisha	30	?
Antonetta	28	?
Ryan	25	?
Karma	23	?
Lashandra	24	?
Breana	22	?
Sara	28	?

Question 1:

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Bill	?	22
Hollis	?	23
Maurita	?	24
Milda	?	25
Pearline	?	25
Teresa	?	25
Ceola	?	26
Milford	?	26
Alisha	?	27
Antonetta	?	28
Ryan	?	28
Karma	?	28
Lashandra	?	29
Breana	?	30
Sara	?	30

Question 1:

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Which question took longer to answer? Why?

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Arla	21	22
Bella	22	22
Bill	28	22
Hollis	26	23
Maurita	22	24
Milda	22	25
Pearline	29	25
Teresa	25	25
Ceola	30	26
Milford	25	26
Alisha	30	27
Antonetta	28	28
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Karma	23	28
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Sara	28	30

DBs can keep **multiple copies** of the same data

- which organizations to use are **configured** (indexing)
- which copy to use is used is **automatically determined** based on the question being asked

names	age	score
Arla	21	22
Heidy	22	22
Bella	22	22
Maurita	22	24
Milda	22	25
Breana	22	30
Karma	23	28
Lashandra	24	29
Teresa	25	25
Milford	25	26
Ryan	25	28
Parker	26	21
Hollis	26	23
Shirly	27	22
Sara	28	30
Bill	28	22
Antonetta	28	28
Pearline	29	25
Alisha	30	27
Ceola	30	26

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Antonetta	28	28
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Karma	23	28
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Why not use a database?

It's often overkill.

For many situations, a simple JSON or CSV is easier to use.

Outline

Tabular Data: CSVs vs. Databases

Common SQL Databases

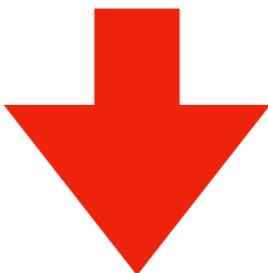
Example: Madison bus-route data

SQL: Structured Query Language

Demos

Metro_Transit_Bus_Routes

OBJECTID	trips_routes_route_id	route_short_name	route_url	ShapeSTLength
63	8052	1	http://www.cityofmadison.com/Metro/schedules/Route01/	32379.426524261
64	8053	2	http://www.cityofmadison.com/Metro/schedules/Route02/	96906.9655714024
65	8054	3	http://www.cityofmadison.com/Metro/schedules/Route03/	76436.6456435859
66	8055	4	http://www.cityofmadison.com/Metro/schedules/Route04/	64774.1334846944
67	8056	5	http://www.cityofmadison.com/Metro/schedules/Route05/	61216.7226616153
68	8057	6	http://www.cityofmadison.com/Metro/schedules/Route06/	151142.298370202
69	8058	7	http://www.cityofmadison.com/Metro/schedules/Route07/	98617.0056650761
70	8059	8	http://www.cityofmadison.com/Metro/schedules/Route08/	56732.757385207
71	8060	10	http://www.cityofmadison.com/Metro/schedules/Route10/	113468.940882266



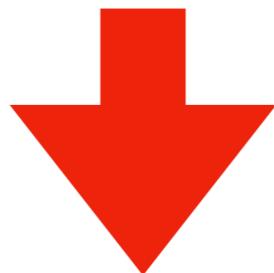
routes
Table

SQLite Database

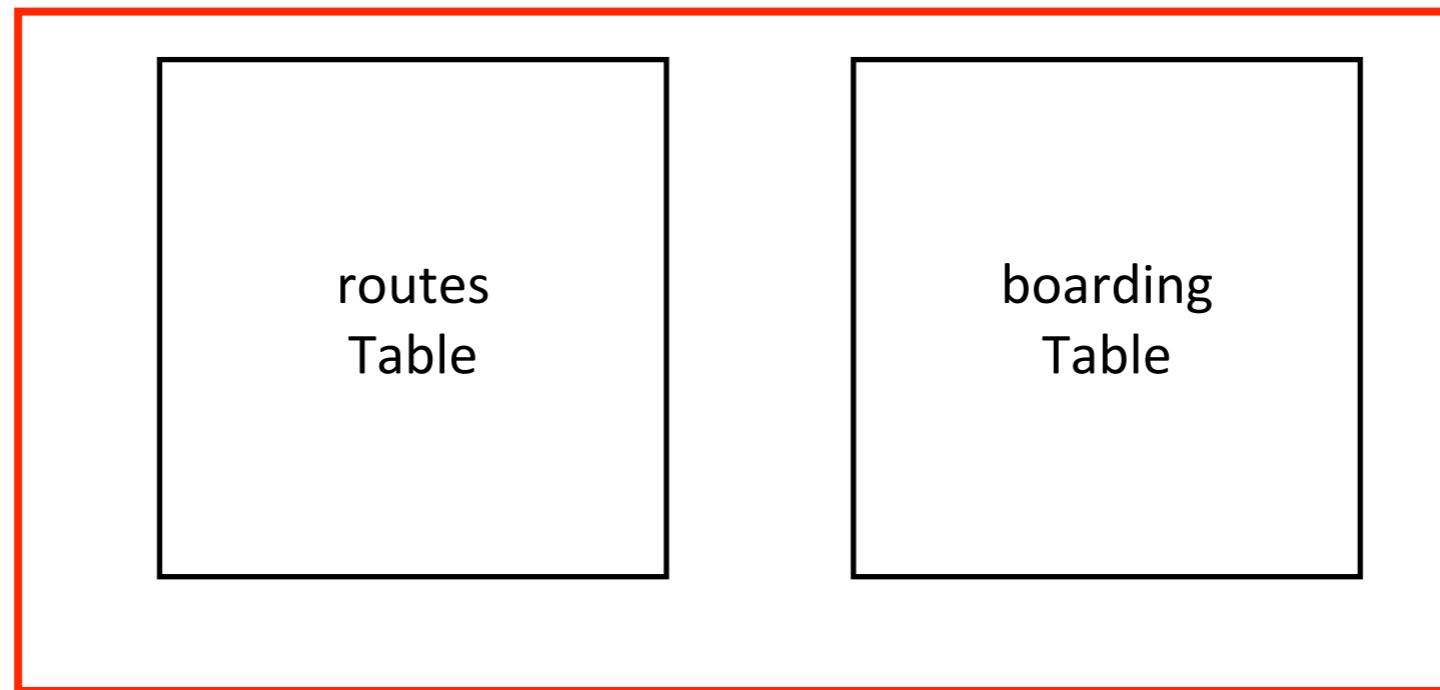
File: bus.db

Metro_Transit_Ridership_by_Route_Weekday

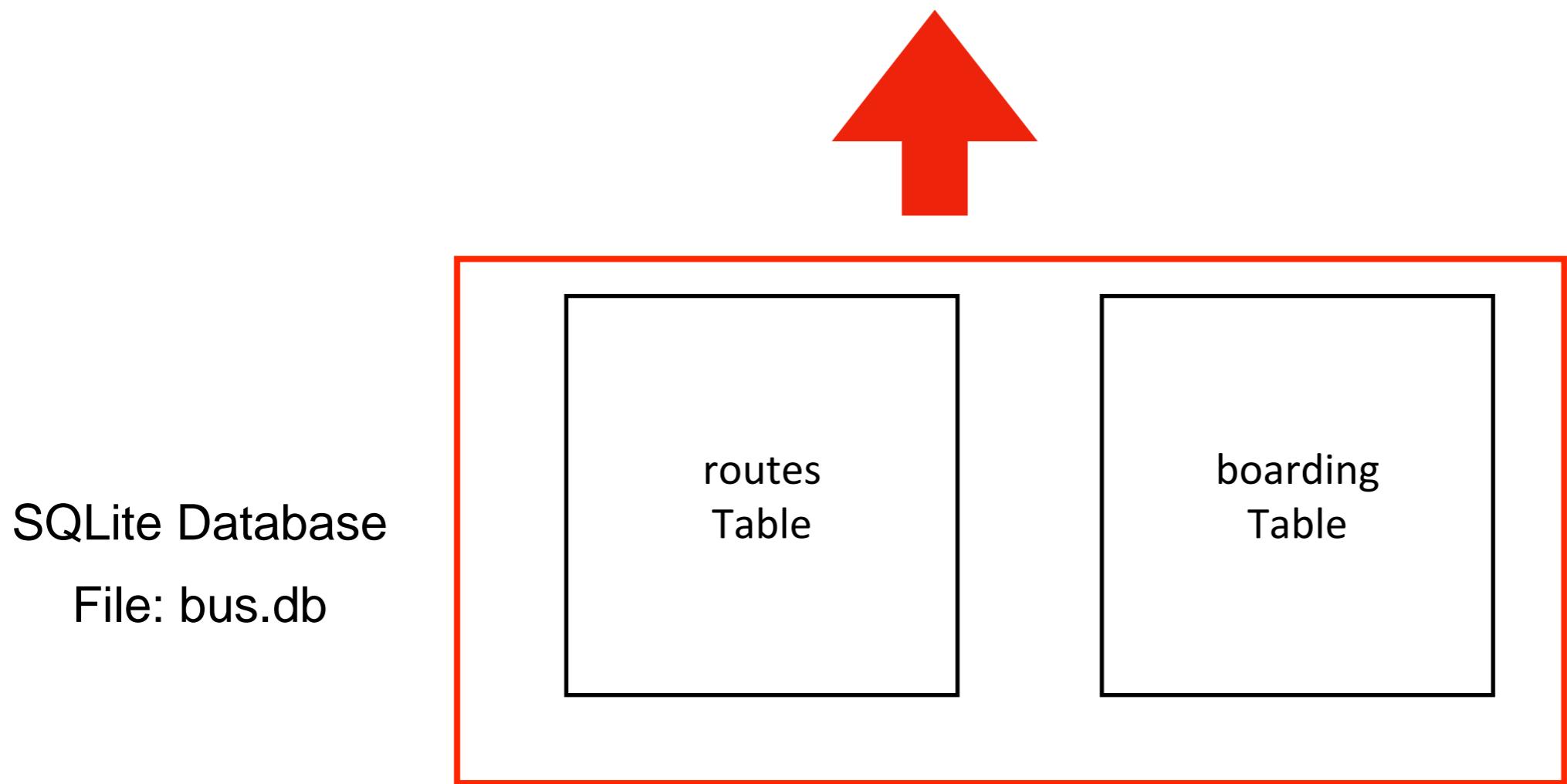
X	Y	OBJECTID	StopID	Route	Lat	Lon	DailyBoardings	DotSize
-89.385420971415726	43.073647056880461	13341	1163	27	43.073655	-89.385427	1.03	10323.2
-89.385420971415726	43.073647056880461	13342	1163	47	43.073655	-89.385427	0.11	1116.34
-89.385420971415726	43.073647056880461	13343	1163	75	43.073655	-89.385427	0.34	3406.36
-89.34001498094068	43.106457048781294	13344	1164	6	43.106465	-89.340021	10.59	105923.91
-89.369986975587182	43.07785905487895	13345	1167	3	43.077867	-89.369993	3.11	31128.99
-89.369986975587182	43.07785905487895	13346	1167	4	43.077867	-89.369993	2.23	22272.52
-89.369986975587182	43.07785905487895	13347	1167	10	43.077867	-89.369993	0.11	1112.87
-89.369986975587182	43.07785905487895	13348	1167	38	43.077867	-89.369993	1.36	13592
-89.329810986164361	43.089699051299455	13349	1169	3	43.089707	-89.329817	18.9	188997.43



SQLite Database
File: bus.db



how do we use this data?



sqlite3

```
import sqlite3  
  
conn = sqlite3.connect("file.db")
```

connect for databases is
analogous to **open** for files

database filename

- represented as a string
- will create if doesn't already exist
(no "w" necessary)

sqlite3

```
import sqlite3
```

```
conn = sqlite3.connect("file.db")
```



a **connection object** for
databases is analogous to
file object for files

sqlite3

```
import sqlite3  
  
conn = sqlite3.connect("file.db")
```

close it at the end



```
conn.close()
```

sqlite3

```
import sqlite3
import pandas as pd
conn = sqlite3.connect("file.db")
df = pd.read_sql("select ??? from ???", conn)
ask this question
query
conn.close()
```



```

1 import os, sqlite3
2
3 assert os.path.exists("bus.db")
4 sqlite3.connect("bus.db")
5
6 for sql in pd.read_sql("select sql from sqlite_master", conn)["sql"]:
7     print(sql)
8     print()

```

```
1 pd.read_sql("select * from routes", conn)
```

	index	OBJECTID	trips_routes_route_id	route_short_name	route_url	ShapeSTLength
0	0	63	8052	1	http://www.cityofmadison.com/Metro/schedules/R...	32379.426524
1	1	64	8053	2	http://www.cityofmadison.com/Metro/schedules/R...	96906.965571
2	2	65	8054	3	http://www.cityofmadison.com/Metro/schedules/R...	76436.645644

```
1 pd.read_sql("select * from boarding", conn)
```

	index	StopID	Route	Lat	Lon	DailyBoardings
0	0	1163	27	43.073655	-89.385427	1.03
1	1	1163	47	43.073655	-89.385427	0.11
2	2	1163	75	43.073655	-89.385427	0.24

demo: poke around DB
(will explain more soon)

SQL Queries: How to ask a DB questions

Syntax for SELECT (case and spacing don't matter):

SELECT FROM ;

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from ;

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select

from

optional stuff

;

SQL Queries: How to ask a DB questions

Syntax for SELECT (case and spacing don't matter):

select

from

table name

;

SQL Queries: How to ask a DB questions

Syntax for SELECT (case and spacing don't matter):

```
select [REDACTED]  
from boarding;
```

SQL Queries: How to ask a DB questions

Syntax for SELECT (case and spacing don't matter):

```
select
```

which columns

```
from boarding;
```

SQL Queries: How to ask a DB questions

Syntax for SELECT (case and spacing don't matter):

star means all of them

```
select *  
from boarding;
```

Result:

index	StopID	Route	Lat	Lon	DailyBoardings
0	1163	27	43.073655	-89.385427	1.03
1	1163	47	43.073655	-89.385427	0.11
2	1163	75	43.073655	-89.385427	0.34
3	1164	6	43.106465	-89.340021	10.59
4	1167	3	43.077867	-89.369993	3.11
5	1167	4	43.077867	-89.369993	2.23
6	1167	10	43.077867	-89.369993	0.11
7	1167	38	43.077867	-89.369993	1.36
8	1169	3	43.089707	-89.329817	18.90

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```
select Route, DailyBoardings  
from boarding;
```

Result:

Route	DailyBoardings
27	1.03
47	0.11
75	0.34
6	10.59
3	3.11
4	2.23
10	0.11
38	1.36
3	18.90

...

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select *  
from routes;
```

Result:

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```
select route_url  
from routes;
```

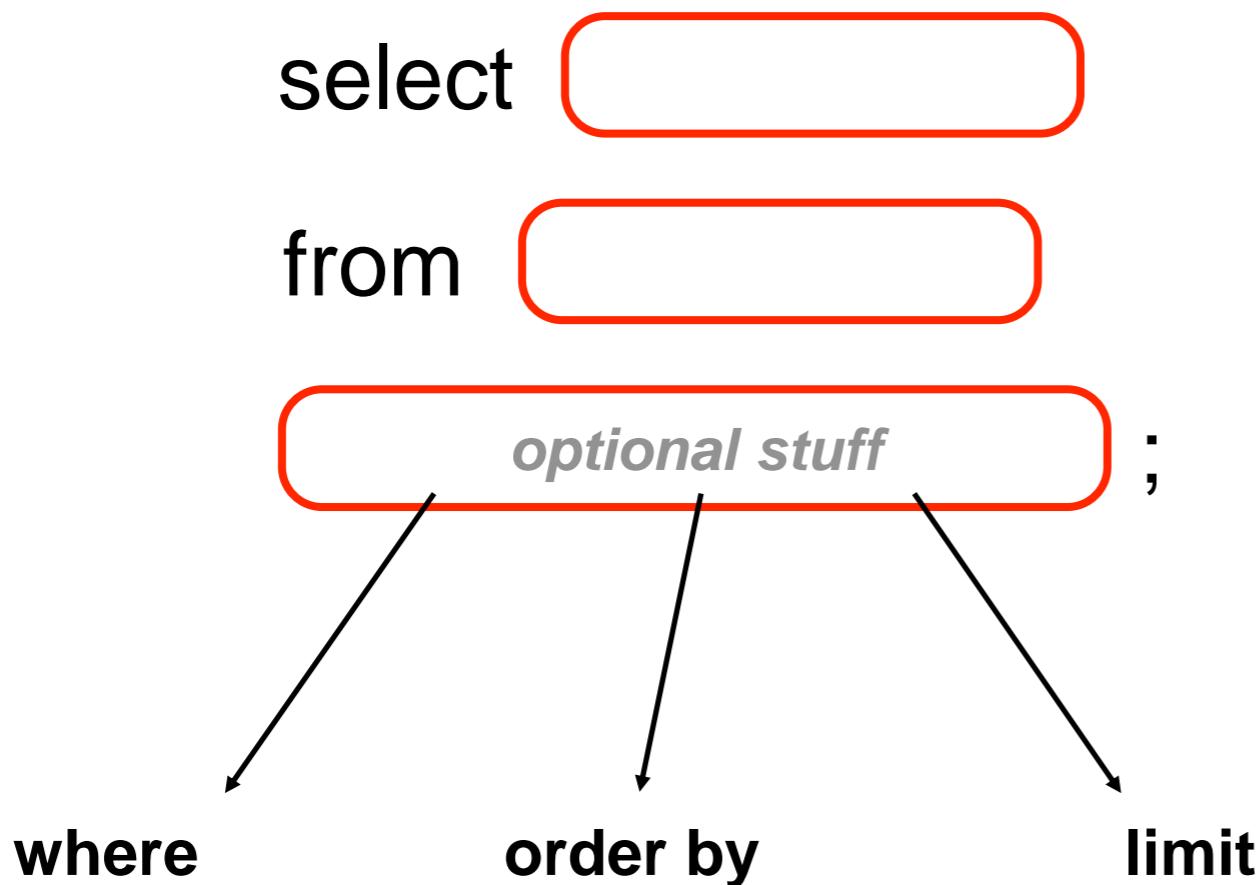
Result:

route_url
http://www.cityofmadison.com/Metro/schedules/R...

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SQL Queries: How to ask a DB questions

Syntax for SELECT (case and spacing don't matter):

```
select *  
from boarding  
where Route = 80;
```

Note: SQL only has one equal sign for equality!

But == does work

Result:

index	StopID	Route	Lat	Lon	DailyBoardings
732	2007	80	43.076436	-89.424388	72.82
733	2014	80	43.089239	-89.433760	99.50
735	2018	80	43.086293	-89.435043	6.23
737	2023	80	43.078800	-89.429795	100.05
738	2026	80	43.086248	-89.436661	18.45
739	2027	80	43.080259	-89.428067	4.34
740	2034	80	43.086445	-89.433772	120.73
741	2039	80	43.089158	-89.438057	86.27
742	2041	80	43.084252	-89.433487	1.56

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SQL Queries: How to ask a DB questions

Syntax for SELECT (case and spacing don't matter):

```
select *  
from boarding  
where Route = 80  
order by StopID;
```

Result:

index	StopID	Route	Lat	Lon	DailyBoardings
1087	5	80	43.070947	-89.406982	317.94
1088	10	80	43.075933	-89.400154	750.61
1092	39	80	43.071895	-89.397341	628.88
1095	49	80	43.075529	-89.397191	690.92
1099	52	80	43.076131	-89.405660	243.91
1104	60	80	43.075996	-89.403660	160.42
1106	61	80	43.070893	-89.403698	154.41
1109	73	80	43.070820	-89.398650	412.10

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SQL Queries: How to ask a DB questions

Syntax for SELECT (case and spacing don't matter):

```
select *  
from boarding  
where Route = 80  
order by StopID DESC;
```

descending means
biggest first

Result:

index	StopID	Route	Lat	Lon	DailyBoardings
3341	2996	80	43.076534	-89.413067	89.16
3329	2978	80	43.076561	-89.416289	88.71
3256	2881	80	43.084225	-89.429092	12.78
3002	2442	80	43.076588	-89.419301	91.27
968	2349	80	43.078388	-89.430227	561.96
923	2267	80	43.076382	-89.419943	455.02
906	2240	80	43.078988	-89.426659	0.67

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SQL Queries: How to ask a DB questions

Syntax for SELECT (case and spacing don't matter):

```
select *  
from boarding  
where Route = 80  
order by StopID ASC;
```

ascending means
smallest first

Result:

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1087	5	80	43.070947	-89.406982	317.94
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SQL Queries: How to ask a DB questions

Syntax for SELECT (case and spacing don't matter):

```
select *  
from boarding  
where Route = 80  
order by StopID ASC  
limit 3;                                only show the top N results
```

Result:

index	StopID	Route	Lat	Lon	DailyBoardings
1087	5	80	43.070947	-89.406982	317.94
1088	10	80	43.075933	-89.400154	750.61
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3 results

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You can use any combination of where, order by, and limit.
But whichever you use, they must appear in that order!