





SQL Beginner to Guru

MySQL Edition

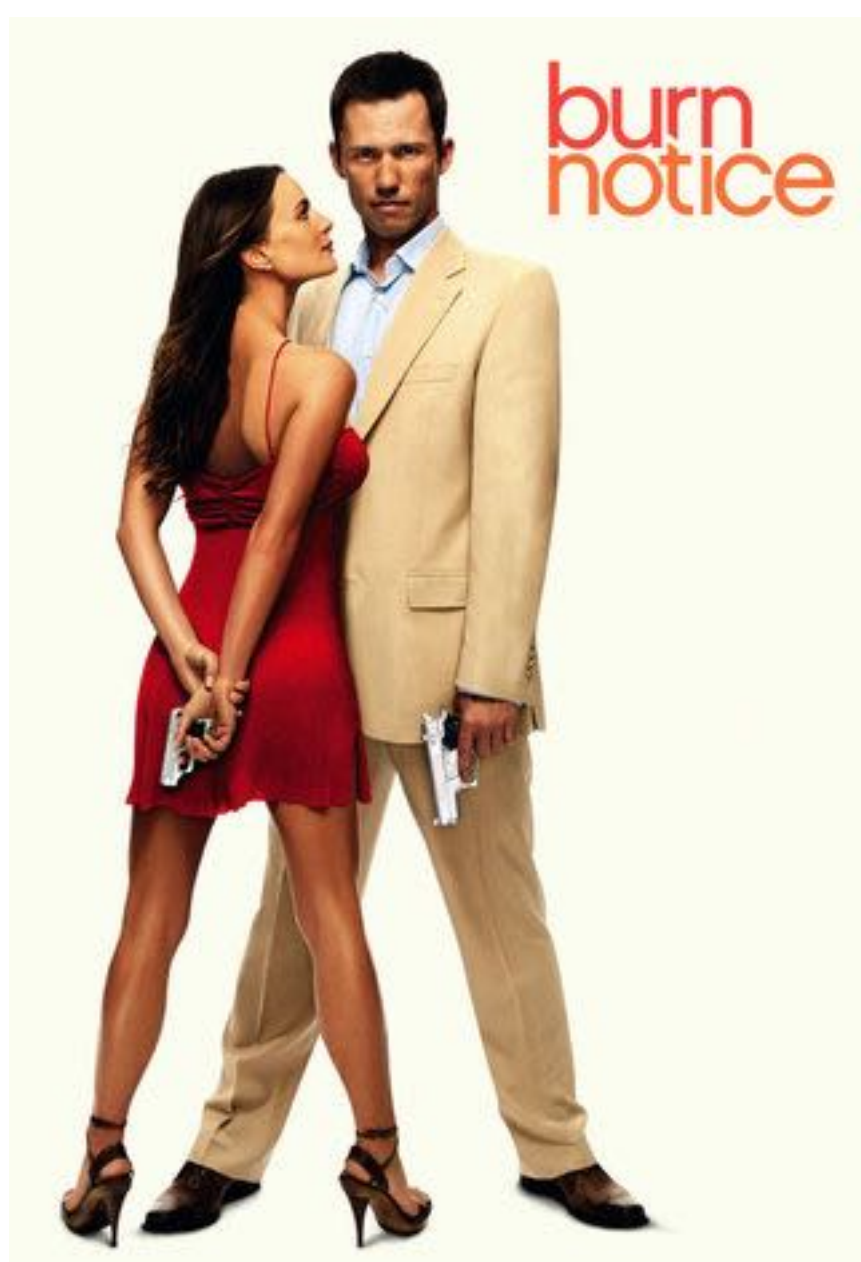
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- A “Database” is a set of related data and how it is organized.
- A spreadsheet tracking data could be considered a database.
 - For example, you use a spreadsheet for time tracking.
 - This would be a set of related data - ie an employee’s hours for the week.
 - The ‘Data’ could grow over time.
 - The ‘Data’ could be for more than one employee.
 - The ‘Data’ could serve as record for what you need to pay the employee.





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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Time Sheet						
2	Employee Details:	Michael Weston	michael@burnnotice.com	unlisted			
3	Manager Details:	John Thompson	john@springframework.guru				
4	Period Start Date	Period End Date					
5	Total Work Week Hours	Total Hours Worked	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours			
6	40.00	46.00	40.00	6.00			
7	Date(s)	Time In	Lunch Start	Lunch End	Time Out	Hours Worked	
8	3/20/18	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	8.00	
9	3/21/18	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	8.00	
10	3/22/18	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	6:00 PM	9.00	
11	3/23/18	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	7:00 PM	10.00	
12	3/24/18	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	8:00 PM	11.00	





Characteristics of Data

- Databases, like spreadsheets make important distinctions about the data elements.
 - Element being a piece of data, like “name” - ie Michael Weston
- The name “Michael Weston” is considered a **String**
- “3/20/18” is considered a **Date**.
- Time in of 8:00 am is considered a **Time**.
- Total Hours worked (46.00) is considered a **Number**.
- We will be looking at data types much closer in an upcoming lecture.





Database Management Systems

- **Database Management Systems** are specialized computer programs for databases. Often abbreviated as DMBS.
- DBMS's have 4 important characteristics:
 - **Data Definition** - define the data being tracked.
 - **Data Manipulation** - add, update or remove data.
 - **Data Retrieval** - extract and report on the data in the database.
 - **Administration** - defining users on the system, security, monitoring, system administration





Types of Databases

- There are a number of different types of databases. Some are general purpose, others are very specialized.
- **Flat File Database** - Data is kept in a file on the operating system. Very simple, generally considered out-dated.
- **Relational Database** - Data is kept in database tables, which have 'Relations' to each other.
 - We will be exploring Relational Databases much more in-depth in an upcoming lecture.
- **Hierarchical Database** - Data is kept in a tree like structure.





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- **NoSQL Database** - This segment is a group of specialized databases which have a variety of data models - but do not use SQL.
 - Data models include: Key-Value Store, Document Based, Column Based
- **Distributed / “Cloud” Databases** - Designed to run on many servers for massively scalable and highly available systems. Often, NoSQL.
 - Think Facebook, Amazon, and Google
 - “Cloud” scale companies



