

JSON oder relational wie flexibel sind die Duality Views?

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Starting position

A new start-up wants to set up a **web store** for **network devices**. We are responsible for the database where the data is stored.

The web store is programmed with Java script and the data on the network devices is supplied to us as **JSON**.

The use of Duality Views is therefore obvious.



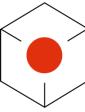
We analyze the JSON

```
"type": "network switch",
"name": "Fritz A16",
"description": "unmanaged 16 port network switch",
"manufacturer": "ABC",
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    "type": "RJ45",
    "speeds": "10/100/1000"
```



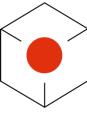






What do the devices look like?

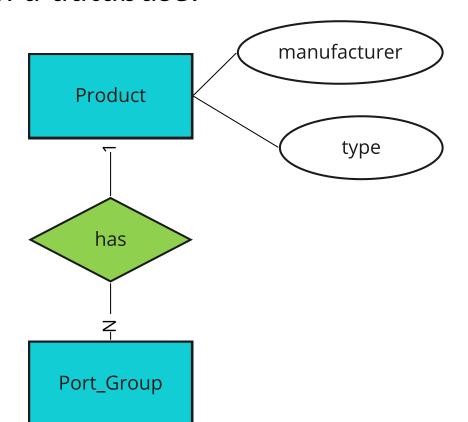
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The database model

For a web store that sells network devices, the data on the network devices must be stored in a database.

The data is available as JSON, the model Is relatively simple:











• Script 01



We have more data

```
Worksheet
        Query Builder
  ■INSERT INTO product_dv d (data)
   VALUES ('
            "type": "network switch",
            "name": "Fritz B24",
            "description": "unmanaged 24 port 10gbit/s network switch",
            "manufacturer": "ABC",
            "price": 250,
            "port_group": [
                    "amount": 24,
                    "type": "RJ45",
                    "speeds": "10/100/1000/2500/5000/10000"
```



We have more data

```
Worksheet Query Builder
            "price": 1000,
            "port_group": [
                    "amount": 4,
                    "type": "RJ45",
                    "speeds": "100/1000/10000"
                    "amount": 2,
                    "type": "SFP+",
                    "speeds": "1000/40000/100000"
                    "amount": 2,
                    "type": "SFP",
                    "speeds": "1000/10000"
                } ],
            "routing": {
                "protocols": "static, RIP, OSPF, BGP",
                "table_size": 10
        }');
Script Output ×  Query Result ×
📌 🥓 🖥 🚇 星 🗆 Task completed in 0.135 seconds
Error report -
ORA-40944: Cannot insert into JSON Relational Duality View 'PRODUCT_DV': The input JSON
JZN-00651: field 'routing' is unknown or undefined
```

ORA-40944: Cannot insert into JSON Relational Duality View 'PRODUCT_DV': The input JSON document is invalid.



We have a new device

```
• { "type": "router",
      "name": "Hans B4",
      "description": "4 port router",
      "manufacturer": "XYZ",
      "price": 800,
      "port_group": [
        { "amount": 4,
          "type": "RJ45",
          "speeds": "100/1000"
```

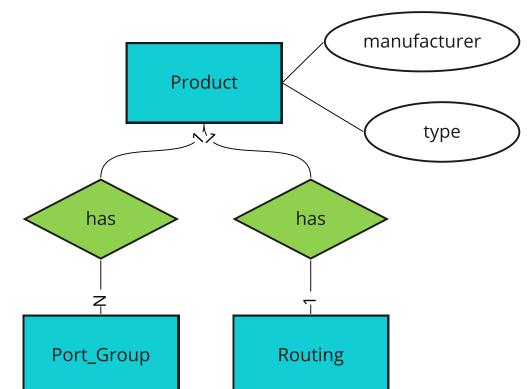
```
{ "amount": 2,
    "type": "SFP",
    "speeds": "1000/10000"
"routing": {
  "protocols": "static OSPF",
  "table_size": 5
```

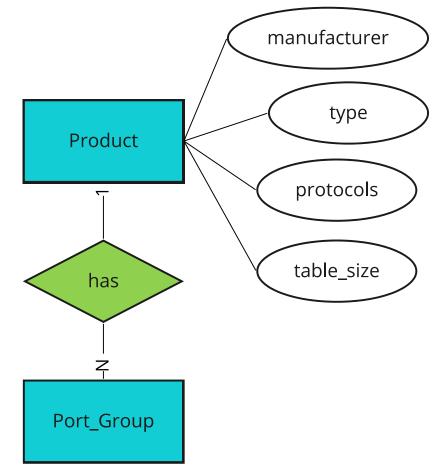


Extend data model

We also need a routing:

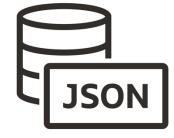
2 possible solutions





Additional attributes are easier



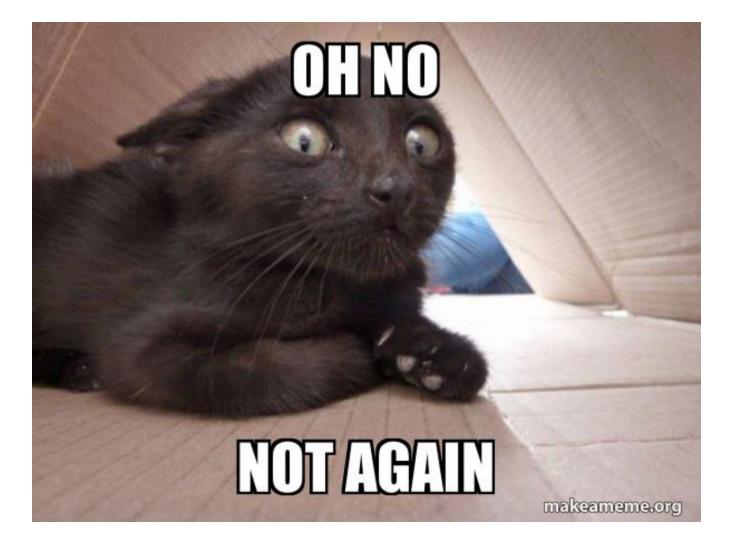




• Script 02



We have another new device

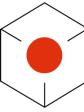




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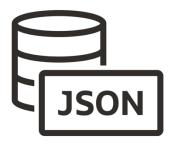
```
"type": "network switch/layer3 switch",
 "name": "Fritz C16",
 "description": "16 port PoE layer 3 network switch",
 "manufacturer": "ABC",
 "price": 500,
 "port_group": [
   { "amount": 16,
     "type": "RJ45",
     "speeds": "10/100/1000",
     "poe": {"modes": ["active", "passive"],
        "volt": [24, 48]}
```

```
"feature":
      { "name": "VLAN",
        "amount": 4094},
      { "name": "QoS",
        "amount": 8},
      { "name": "network access control",
        "type": "MAC based
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        "vlan_support": true},
      { "name": "routing",
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        "table_size": 10}
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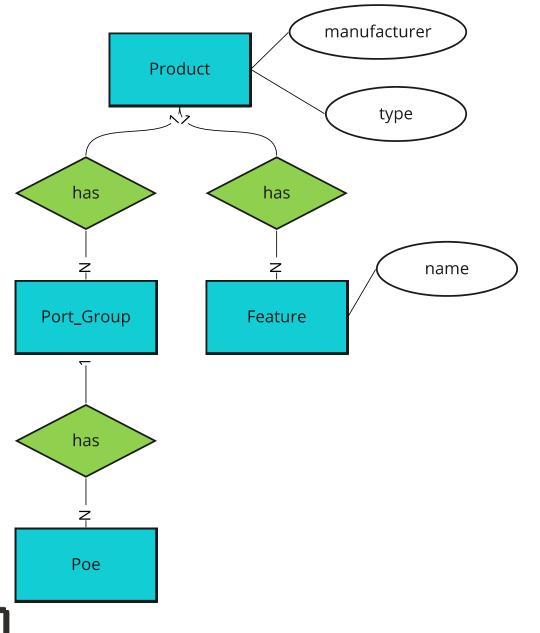
We then have to adapt the data structure

- Detail table for port group and
- Feature as generalization with several specializations
- We don't know what else is coming and summarize all attributes in the generalization.
- The Duality View must be expanded accordingly









New data structure





• Does the tool fit the problem?

- Duality Views
- The same data in JSON and in tables

• JSON as a flexible data structure



Would a document DB not be better?

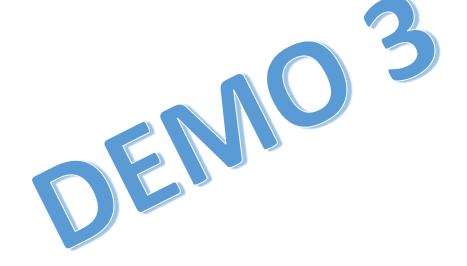
• Why not simply store all data as JSON?



Then we have full flexibility







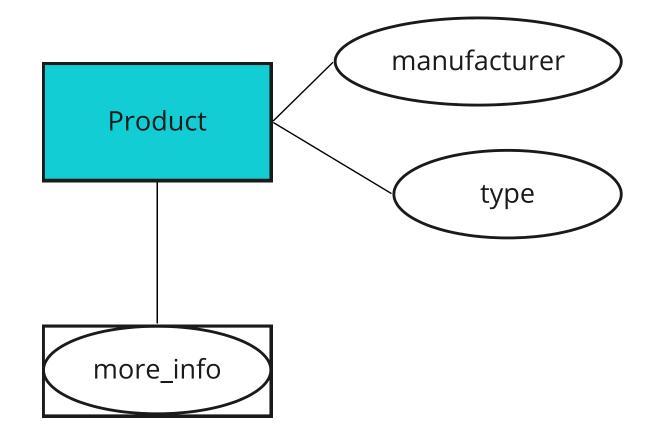
Problem,
if JSON has a
spelling mistake

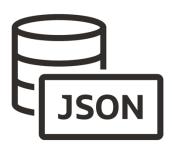
• Script 03, 04, 05



Are there any other solutions?





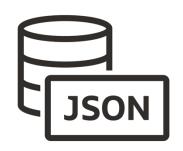






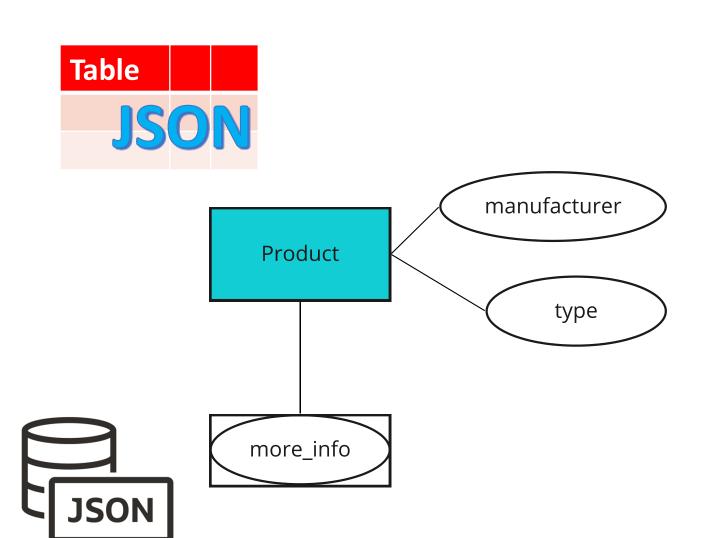


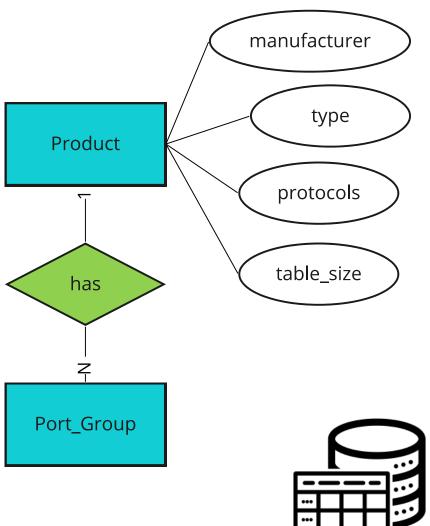




Script 06



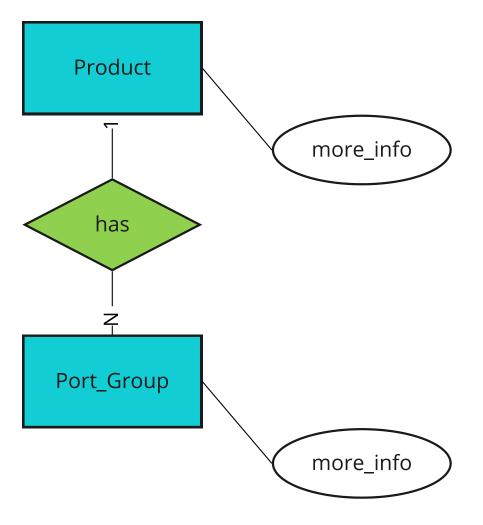






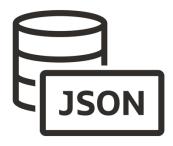
I wish I could combine the two worlds





I wish that additional attributes were automatically saved in the correct table as a JSON attribute.









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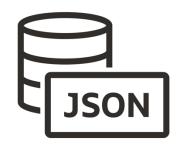
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Script 07





Best solution: Duality View with @flex for "Overflow"

Ideal for any data structure that is written and read both as JSON and as a table.

Thanks to a fixed and flexible part.

From version 23.3 And in OCI





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