



Module 2 Day 3

Table Relationships – Keys, Cardinality and Joins

What makes an application?

- Program Data

- ✓ Variables & .NET Data Types
- ✓ Arrays
- ✓ More Collections (list, dictionary, stack, queue)
- ✓ Classes and objects (OOP)

- Program Logic

- ✓ Statements and expressions
- ✓ Conditional logic (if)
- ✓ Repeating logic (for, foreach, do, while)
- ✓ Methods (functions / procedures)
- ✓ Classes and objects (OOP)
- ❑ Frameworks (MVC)

- Input / Output

- User

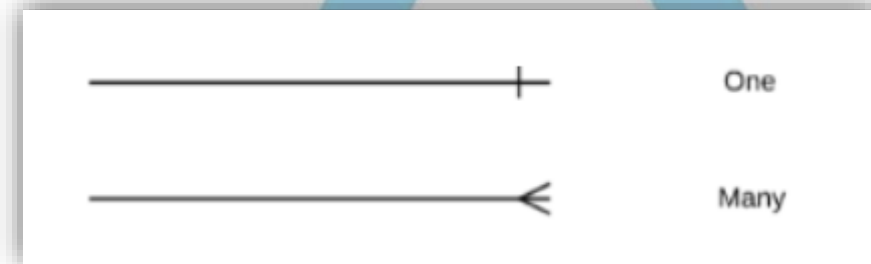
- ✓ Console read / write
- ❑ HTML / CSS
- ❑ Front-end frameworks (HTML / CSS / JavaScript)

- Storage

- ✓ File I/O
- ❖ Relational database
- ❑ APIs

Relationships and Cardinality

- A **Relationship** is an association between two tables using keys
- **Cardinality** is the number of occurrences in one entity which are associated to the number of occurrences in another.
 - 1 : 1
 - 1 : many
 - Many : many
- What are the relationship cardinalities in World?
- ERD – Entity Relationship Diagram



Keys – Important Points

- Used to create relationships between tables
- **Primary Key:** uniquely identifies each row within a table.
 - Cannot hold duplicate values across rows (must be unique)
 - Cannot be null
- **Foreign Key:** references a primary key in the source table.
 - May have multiple rows with the same value in this column
 - May be a nullable column
- What keys do we see in the World database?

Keys – Other Stuff

- Made up of one or more columns
- A **composite key** is a key made up of multiple columns
- Natural vs. Surrogate
 - **Natural Keys** are formed from values in the real world (e.g. SSN, ISBN)
 - **Surrogate Keys** are artificially created by the application to identify a unique record

Many-to-many Relationships

- Cannot be modelled directly between the two tables
- Association table is used “between” the two primary tables
 - Association table holds foreign keys to each primary table
 - Often these are the only columns in the table

Joins

- Connect two tables together using keys
- Matches row by row, finding all the keys that match
- Produces a “super-row” containing all the columns from both tables

```
SELECT table1.cols, table2.cols, ...
```

```
FROM table1
```

```
JOIN table2 ON table1.fkcolumn = table2.pkcolumn
```

- You may need to use table name to identify the correct column
 - Here is where you can use a table ALIAS

Let's
Code

Inner vs. Outer Joins

- INNER JOIN is default (when only JOIN is specified)

- Only rows that match both tables
- Display capital cities and the country of which it is the capital

```
SELECT c.name AS capital, ctry.name AS country  
FROM country ctry JOIN city c ON ctry.capital = c.id
```

- LEFT OUTER JOIN / RIGHT OUTER JOIN

- All rows from the Left (First) table, even if there is no match on the Right (Second) table
- Display all cities and the country of which it is the capital, or NULL if it is not

```
SELECT c.name AS city, ctry.name country  
FROM city c LEFT OUTER JOIN country ctry ON c.id = ctry.capital
```

- CROSS JOIN (RARE)

- Relates every row in one table to every row in the other table (Cartesian product)

Union

- Combines two or more queries into a single result set
- The number and data type of columns must be identical
- Columns will be named based on the first query
- “Union” removes duplicate rows, “Union All” does not
- Order By is allowed on the last query only

```
SELECT expression1, expression2, ... expression_n  
FROM tables  
[WHERE conditions]  
UNION  
SELECT expression1, expression2, ... expression_n  
FROM tables  
[WHERE conditions]
```