

Database Design

The Physical Model

OVERVIEW OF THE FIVE DATABASE SESSIONS

- Session 1: The Transactional Relational Database
 - Work product: Conceptual Model
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- **Session 3: Defining Data Structures Specific To A Database Platform (MariaDB)**
 - **Work product: Physical Model**
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First, Let's Review

- What is the purpose of the conceptual model?
 - It must be understood by everyone
- What is the purpose of the logical model?
 - To show the primary key and non-key attributes of each entity
 - To show the relationship between the entities using foreign keys.
- How is logical model similar to the conceptual model?
 - They both are platform agnostic.
- How is logical model different from the conceptual model?
 - It does not need to be understandable by everyone.

Session 3 Objectives

- Why bother with a physical model?
- What is a key difference of the physical model from both the conceptual and logical model?
- Choose Database Engine.
- Common Data Types and when to use them.
- What is a default value?
- What is Null?
- What is a check constraint?

Why Bother With A Physical Model

- A physical data model describes how data is organized in actual database tables.
- They provide additional attributes not specified in a logical data model, such as data types.
- They map the data elements to an actual database data type.

Physical Model — A Key Difference

- The Conceptual and Logical Models are both platform agnostic.
 - These are the same regardless of the final database platform.
- The Physical Model is aimed at a particular database platform.
 - Therefore the final product will be different from one platform to another.



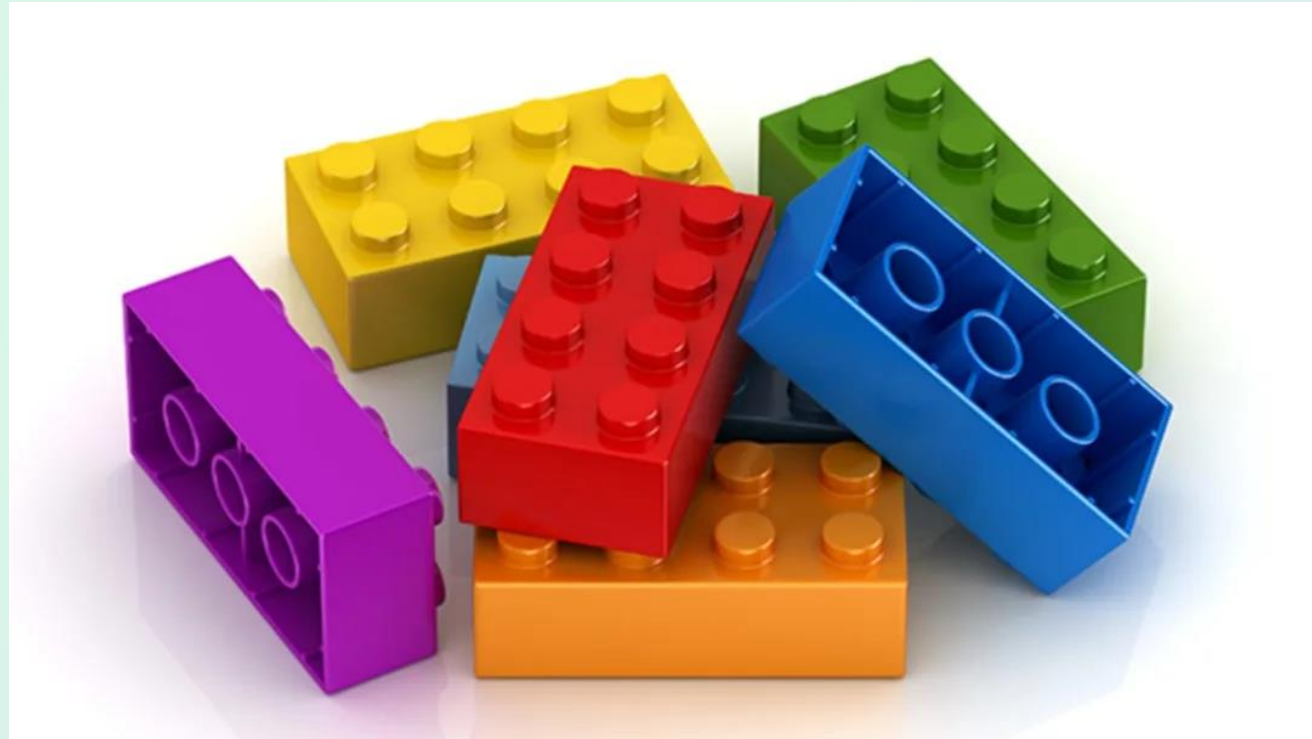
Physical Model — Choose Database Engine

- The cook book — the Logical model to a Physical model.
- Use database terms instead of logical model terms
 - Tables instead of entities
 - Columns / fields instead of attributes
- Identify data types and sizes



Basic Data Types

- Text
- Numbers
- Date / Time
- Boolean



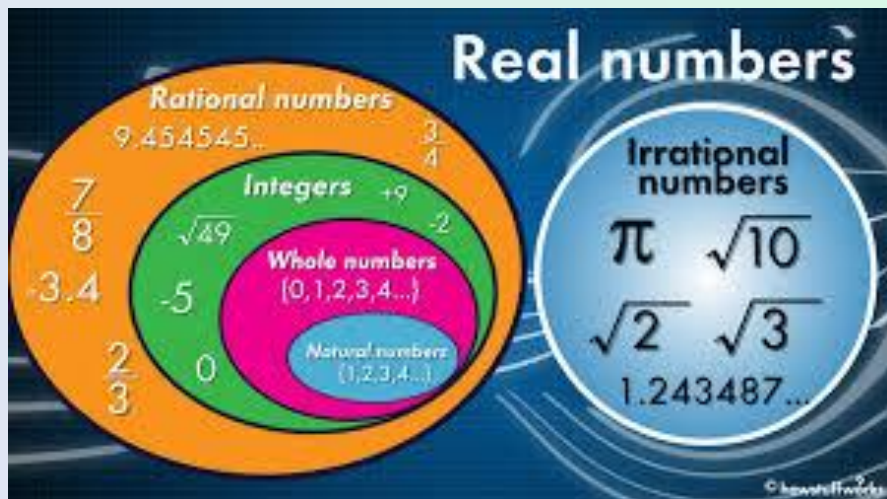
Basic Data Types — Text

- String Values
 1. Character{x}: fixed lengths
 2. Varchar {x}: variable lengths
 3. Nchar{x}: double byte
- “x” (if used) should be the smallest value that can hold the largest value that you can reasonably expect to be inserted.
 - Too many folks use big numbers without a thought. (= bad data governance)
- Sometimes, just because you can, does not mean you should.



Basic Data Types — Numbers

- Integer – (Tinyint, Smallint, Integer, Bigint)
- Numeric – (Decimal, Float, Double) {**M**,**D**}
 - “**M**” (if used) is the total number of digits (the precision)
 - “**D**” (if used) is the number of digits after the decimal point (the scale)



Basic Data Types — Dates and Times

- Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
- DateTime (YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS.ssssss)
- Time (HH:MM:SS.ssssss)
- Timestamp (YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS.ssssss)



Basic Data Types — Misc

- Boolean
- Timezone



Basic Data Types — MariaDB specific

- Understand Database Engine limitations
- **Timezone**
 - Any inserted values are converted from the session's time zone to **UTC** (the world standard for regulating time) when stored, and converted back to the session's time zone when retrieved
- **Timestamp**
 - Can hold values between '1970-01-01 00:00:01' (**UTC**) and '2038-01-19 03:14:07' (**UTC**)
- **DateTime**
 - Due to Timestamp restrictions, DateTime should be used instead (*same format but no data value restrictions*)
- **Boolean**
 - Defined as TINYINT(1).
 - A value of zero is considered false. All non-zero values are considered true.

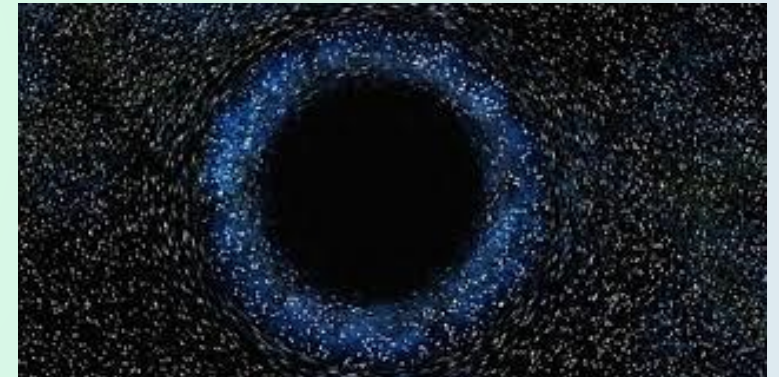
Default Values

- Columns can be assigned a default value

Name	Address1	Address2	City	State	Zip
Winsupply	3110 Kettering Blvd	Null	Dayton	OH	45439
Winsupply	3110 Kettering Blvd	""	Dayton	OH	45439

Null Values

- Null means the value is unknown or unknowable
- A Null value is not the same as any other value
 - not even another Null value.



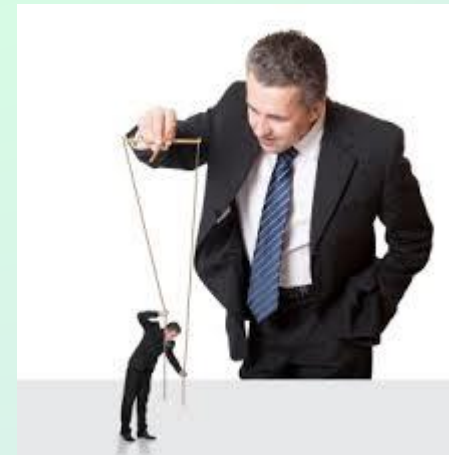
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Examples Of When To Use Null Or A Blank

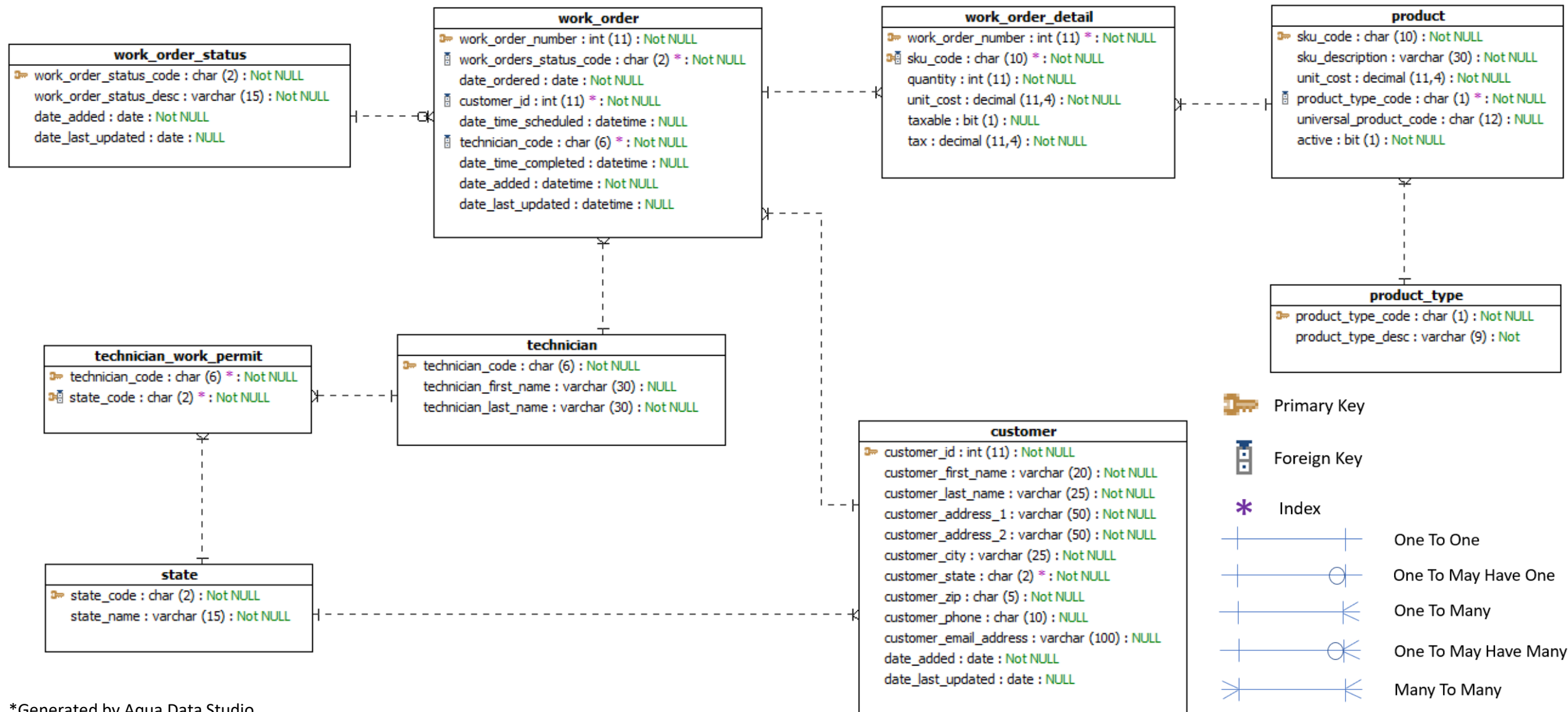
- Null means the value is unknown
- A Blank can mean the value does not exist
 - *Blanks only apply to text data types; numbers and dates cannot have blanks*
- Sometimes null is correct and sometimes it is not.
- Sometimes a blank instead of a null can “break” applications/code though.
- When To Use Null:
 - 1. newborn baby SS # – this is unknown until it is applied for
 - 2. zip + extension – addresses have zip + 4 but the extension may be unknown
- When To Use Blank:
 - 1. address 2 – blank when this is known to be true
 - 2. middle name – when a person does not have a middle name and it is required

Check Constraints

- Column level
 - A value must fall within a certain range... [A,B,C] or [T,F] or [Active,Inactive]
- Table level
 - A column's value has some dependence on another column's value. $A > B$
- It's all about data quality.

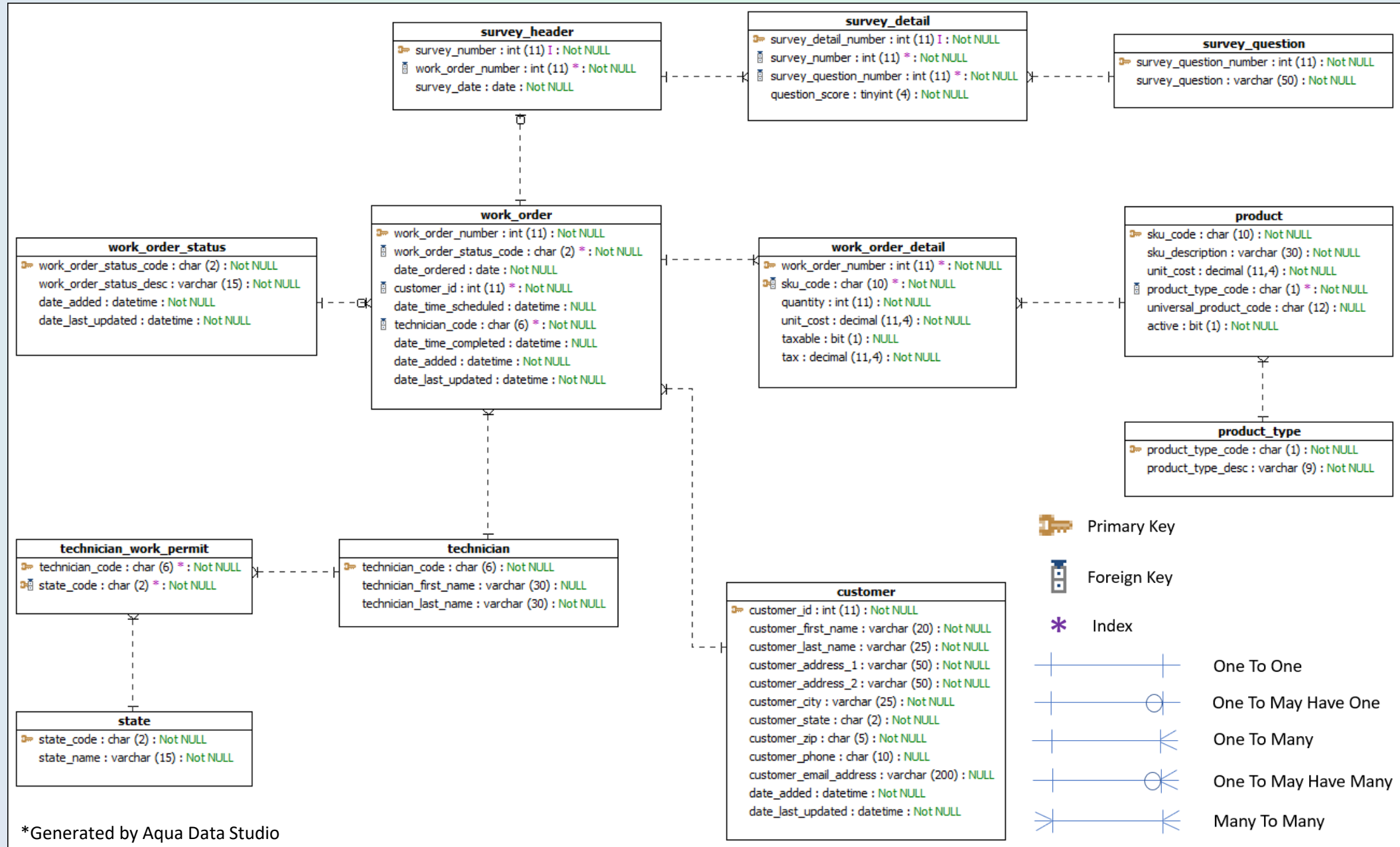


WORK ORDER PRO – PHYSICAL DATA MODEL



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WORK ORDER PRO – PHYSICAL DATA MODEL – WITH SURVEY COMPONENT



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