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# SQL Tutorial - Full Database Course for Beginners

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# Capítulo 1

## Introduction, What is a Database?

### 1.1. What is SQL?

- SQL is a language used to interact with relational database management systems.
- A relational database management system is basically just a software application to create and manage different databases.

### 1.2. What is a database?

- Sometimes databases are abbreviated as DB.
- A database is any collection of related information:
  - Phone book.
  - Shopping list.
  - Todo list.
  - Your 5 best friends.
  - Facebook's User base.
- Database can be stored in different ways.
  - On paper.
  - In your mind.
  - On a computer.
  - This PowerPoint.
  - Comments section.

### 1.3. Computers with databases

- Storing a collection of related information on a computer is extremely useful, computers are great for this.
- A database can be stored anywhere, but there are better ways of storing databases than others. Computers are great at keeping track of large amounts of information.
- Take this example:

Amazon.com	Shopping list
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeps track of products, reviews, purchase orders, credit cards, users, media, etc.</li> <li>• Needs to store trillions of pieces of information, and they need to be readily available.</li> <li>• Information is extremely valuable and critical to Amazon.com's functioning.</li> <li>• Security is essential, Amazon stores people's personal information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Credit card #, SSN, Address phone.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Information is stored on a computer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeps track of customer products that need to be purchased.</li> <li>• Stores 10-20 pieces of information, this also needs to be readily available.</li> <li>• Information is for convenience sake only and not necessary for shopping.</li> <li>• Security is not important.</li> <li>• Information is stored on a piece of paper, or even just in someone's memory.</li> </ul>

## 1.4. Database Management System (DBMS)

- A database can be as simple as a txt file, or excel file, but generally if you need to store large amounts of information a better solution is to use special software designed to create and maintain a database, this is called a Data Management System.
- A special software program that helps users create and maintain a database.
  - Makes it easy to manage large amounts of information.
  - Handles security.
  - Backup your data.
  - Importing and exporting data.
  - Concurrency.
  - Interacts with software applications:
    - Programming software.
- The database management system is not the database it is the software application that is creating, managing, updating, etc the database.

Amazon.com Database Diagram



## 1.5. C.R.U.D

- Create, Read (Retrieve), Update, Delete.
- CRUD represents the 4 main operations that can be done in a database.
- Any good database management systems are able to perform these operations.

## 1.6. Two types of databases

- Relational Database (SQL): (The most popular kind of database.)
  - Organize data into one or more tables.
  - Each table has columns and rows.
  - A unique key identifies each row.
  - It is a lot like an Excel spreadsheet.
- Non-relational (noSQL / no just SQL):
  - Organize data is anything but a traditional table.
  - Key-value stores.
  - Documents (JSON, XML, etc).
  - Graphs.
  - Flexible tables.
  - Any type of database that is not a non-relational database. Organize data in anything but a table.

## 1.7. Relational Database (SQL)

Student Table			Users Table		
*ID #	Name	Major	*Username	Password	Email
1	Jack	Biology	jsmith22	wordpass	...
2	Kate	Sociology	catlover45	apple223	...
3	Claire	English	gamerkid	...	...
4	John	Chemistry	giraffe	...	...

- Relational Database Management Systems (RDBMS):
  - Help users create and maintain a relational database.
    - mySQL, Oracle, postgresSQL, mariaDB, etc.
- Structured Query Language (SQL):
  - Relational Database Systems use SQL to interact with relational DB.
  - Used to perform CRUD operations, as well as other administrative tasks (user management, security, backups, etc.)
  - Used to define tables and structures.
  - SQL code used on one RDBMS is not always portable to another without modification. Not all SQL code used on one RDBMS will be able to be used on others.

## 1.8. Non-relational databases

- Anything that is not relational.
- For example:



- Store data on graphs, nodes, key value hash, documents (JSON, BLOB, XML).
- Non-relational Database management systems (NRDBMS):
  - Help users create and maintain a non-relational database.
    - mongoDB, dynamoDB, apache cassandra, firebase, etc.
  - Implementation specific:
    - Unlike RDMBS where there is a standard (SQL), this is implementation specific, there is no standard language for interacting with the non-relational database.
    - Each implementation will include the implementation for managing the database and performing the CRUD operations.
    - Most NRDBMS will implement their own language for performing CRUD operations and administrative operations on the database.

## 1.9. Database Queries

- Queries are request made to the database management system for specific information:
  - Query is asking the DBMS for information.
- As the database's structure becomes more and more complex it becomes more difficult to get the specific pieces of information we want.
- A Google search is a query.
  - With a relational database management system we cannot search for information in the same way google searches for it, we must adhere to a specific language in this case SQL.

## 1.10. Wrap up

- Database is any collection of related information.
- Computers are great for storing databases.
- Database Management Systems (DBMS) make it easy to create, maintain and secure a database.
- DBMS allow you to perform the CRUD operations and other administrative tasks.
- Two types of databases, relational and non-relational.
- Relational databases use SQL and store data in tables with rows and columns.
- Non-relational databases store data using other data structures.
- Queries are request made to the database management system for specific information.

## Capítulo 2

# Tables & Keys