



# Golang Programming

Working with SQL Databases in Go

# Where to Find The Code and Materials?

<https://github.com/iproduct/coursego>

# Introduction to Databases and Distributed Data Processing



# Databases, DBMSs and DB Models

- Database - an organized collection of data, generally stored and accessed electronically from a computer system. Can be developed using formal design and modeling techniques.
- DataBase Management System (DBMS) – software that interacts with end users, applications, and the database to capture and analyze the data, providing core facilities to create and administer databases.
- DBMSs can be classified according to the database models that they support:
  - In 1980s relational databases became dominant, modelling data as rows and columns in a series of tables, and the vast majority use Structured Query Language (SQL) for writing and querying data.
  - In the 2000s, non-relational databases became popular, referred to as NoSQL because they use different query languages.

# Relational Databases

- “Relational database” term – invented by E. F. Codd at IBM in 1970, paper: "A Relational Model of Data for Large Shared Data Banks".
- Present the data to the user as **relations** (a presentation in **tabular form**, i.e. as a **collection of tables** with each table consisting of a set of **rows** and **columns**)
- Provide **relational operators** to manipulate the data in tabular form.
- As of 2009, most **commercial relational DBMSs** employ **SQL** as their query language.

Examples: Oracle, MySQL, Microsoft SQL Server, PostgreSQL, IBM DB2, SQLite

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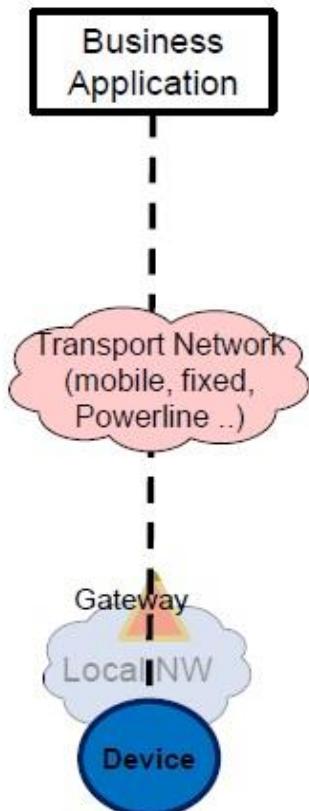
# NoSQL and NewSQL Databases

- NoSQL databases – massively distributed, horizontally scalable, fast, do not require fixed table schemas, avoid join operations by storing denormalized data.
- CAP theorem: it is impossible for a distributed system to simultaneously provide consistency, availability, and partition tolerance guarantees → eventual consistency = high availability and partition tolerance with a reduced level of data consistency.
- NewSQL is a class of modern relational databases that aims to provide the same scalable performance of NoSQL systems for online transaction processing (read-write) workloads while still using SQL and maintaining the ACID guarantees of a traditional database system.

# Vertical vs. Horizontal Scaling

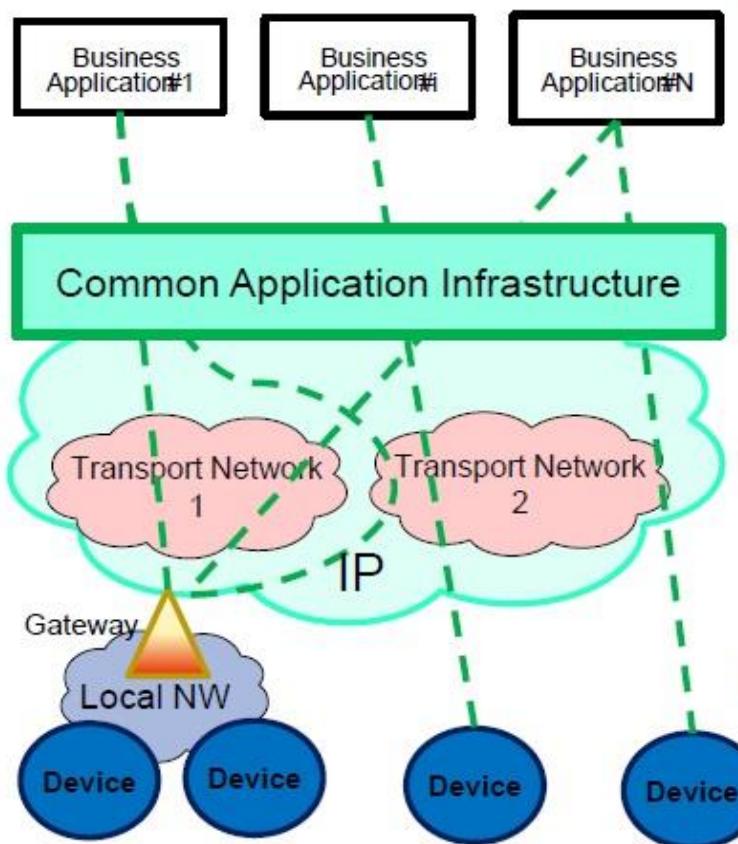
## Pipe (vertical):

1 Application, 1 NW,  
1 (or few) type of Device



## Horizontal (based on common Layer)

Applications share common infrastructure, environments  
and network elements



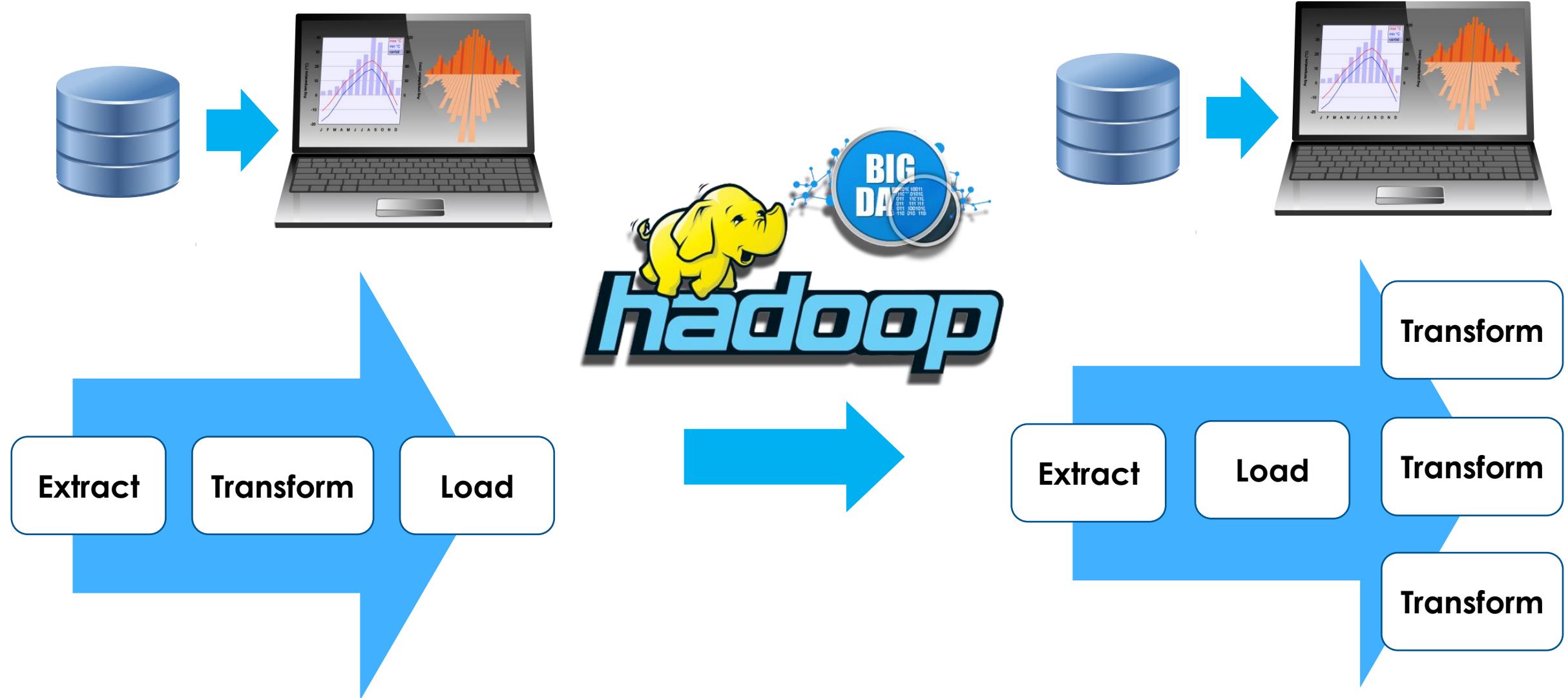
# NoSQL and NewSQL Database Examples

Type	Notable examples of this type
<u>Wide column</u>	<a href="#">Accumulo</a> , <a href="#">Cassandra</a> , <a href="#">Scylla</a> , <a href="#">HBase</a>
<u>Document:</u>	<a href="#">Apache CouchDB</a> , <a href="#">ArangoDB</a> , <a href="#">BaseX</a> , <a href="#">Clusterpoint</a> , <a href="#">Couchbase</a> , <a href="#">Cosmos DB</a> , <a href="#">eXist-db</a> , <a href="#">IBM Domino</a> , <a href="#">MarkLogic</a> , <a href="#">MongoDB</a> , <a href="#">OrientDB</a> , <a href="#">Qizx</a> , <a href="#">RethinkDB</a>
<u>Key-value:</u>	<a href="#">Aerospike</a> , <a href="#">Apache Ignite</a> , <a href="#">ArangoDB</a> , <a href="#">Berkeley DB</a> , <a href="#">Couchbase</a> , <a href="#">Dynamo</a> , <a href="#">FoundationDB</a> , <a href="#">InfinityDB</a> , <a href="#">MemcacheDB</a> , <a href="#">MUMPS</a> , <a href="#">Oracle NoSQL Database</a> , <a href="#">OrientDB</a> , <a href="#">Redis</a> , <a href="#">Riak</a> , <a href="#">SciDB</a> , SDBM/Flat File <a href="#">dbm</a> , <a href="#">ZooKeeper</a>
<u>Graph:</u>	<a href="#">AllegroGraph</a> , <a href="#">ArangoDB</a> , <a href="#">InfiniteGraph</a> , <a href="#">Apache Giraph</a> , <a href="#">MarkLogic</a> , <a href="#">Neo4J</a> , <a href="#">OrientDB</a> , <a href="#">Virtuoso</a>
<u>New SQL</u>	<a href="#">CockroachDB</a> , <a href="#">Citus</a> , <a href="#">Vitess</a>

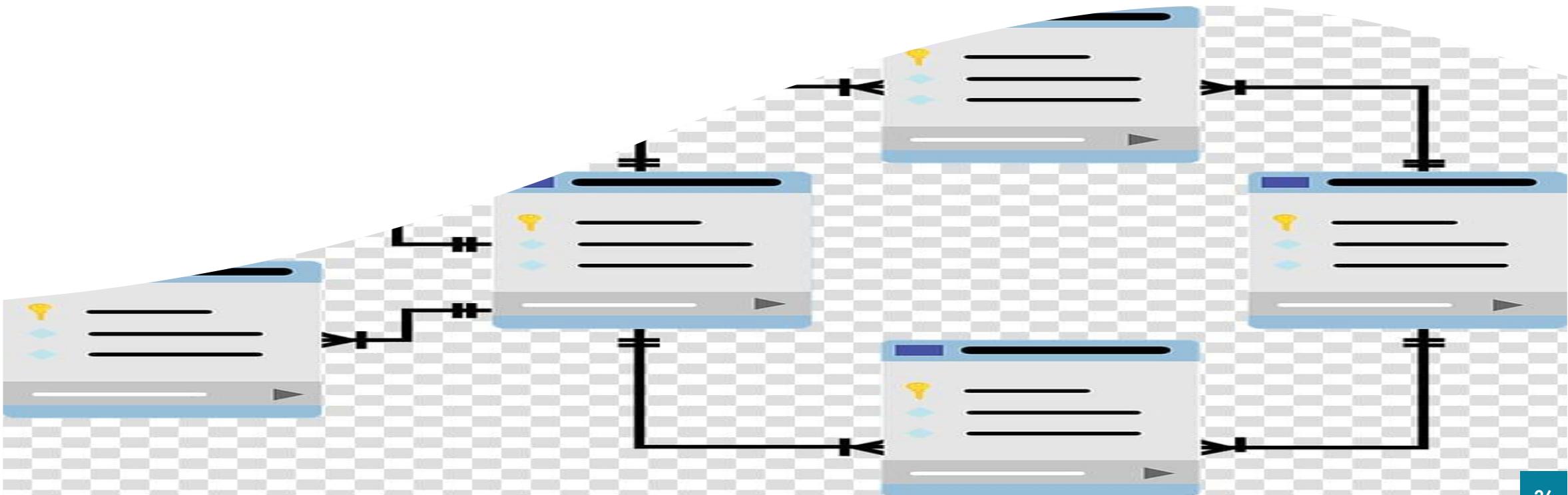
# SQL and NoSQL Databases Comparison

Data model	Performance	Scalability	Flexibility	Complexity	Functionality
Key-value store	high	high	high	none	variable (none)
Column-oriented store	high	high	moderate	low	minimal
Document-oriented store	high	variable (high)	high	low	variable (low)
Graph database	variable	variable	high	high	<a href="#">graph theory</a>
Relational database	variable	variable	low	moderate	<a href="#">relational algebra</a>

# Batch Processing

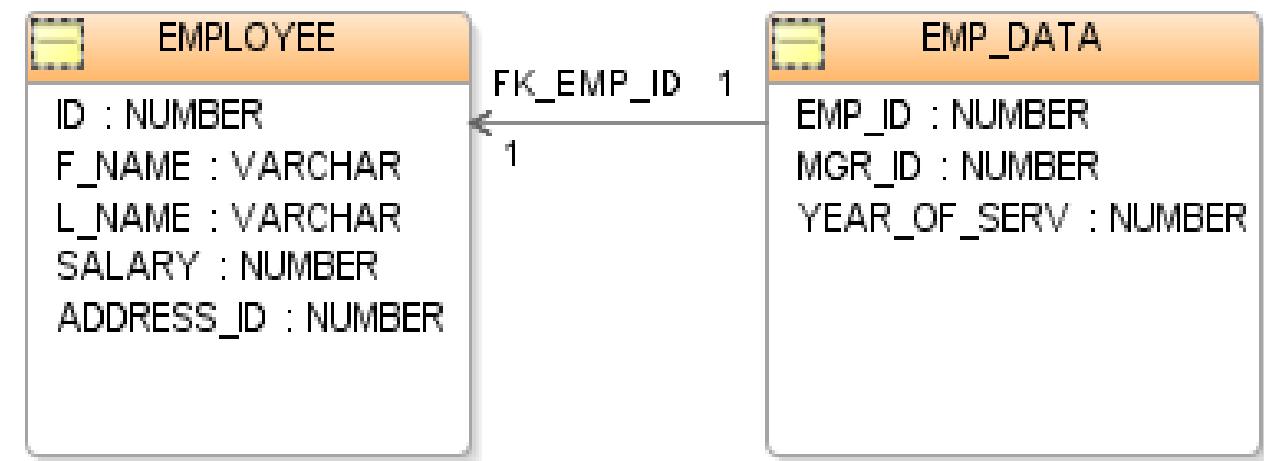
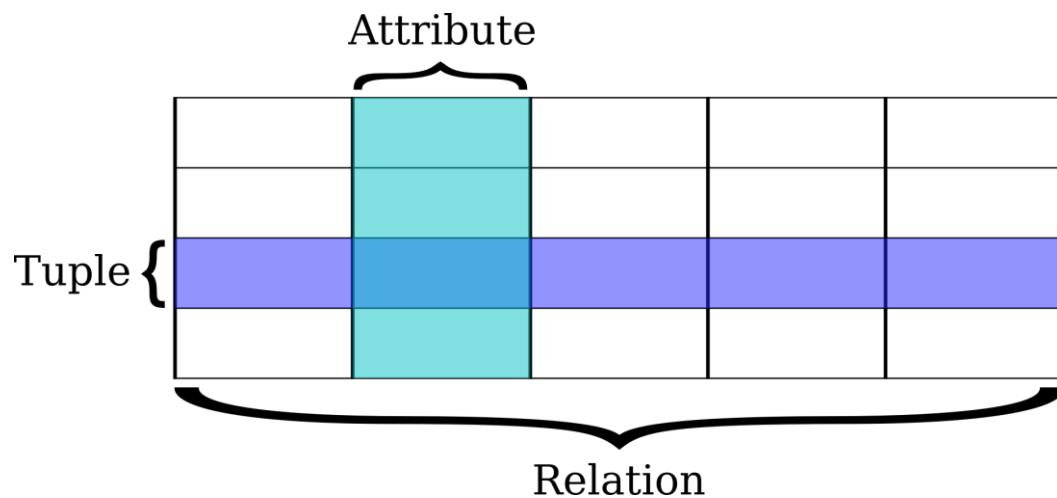


# Relational Databases

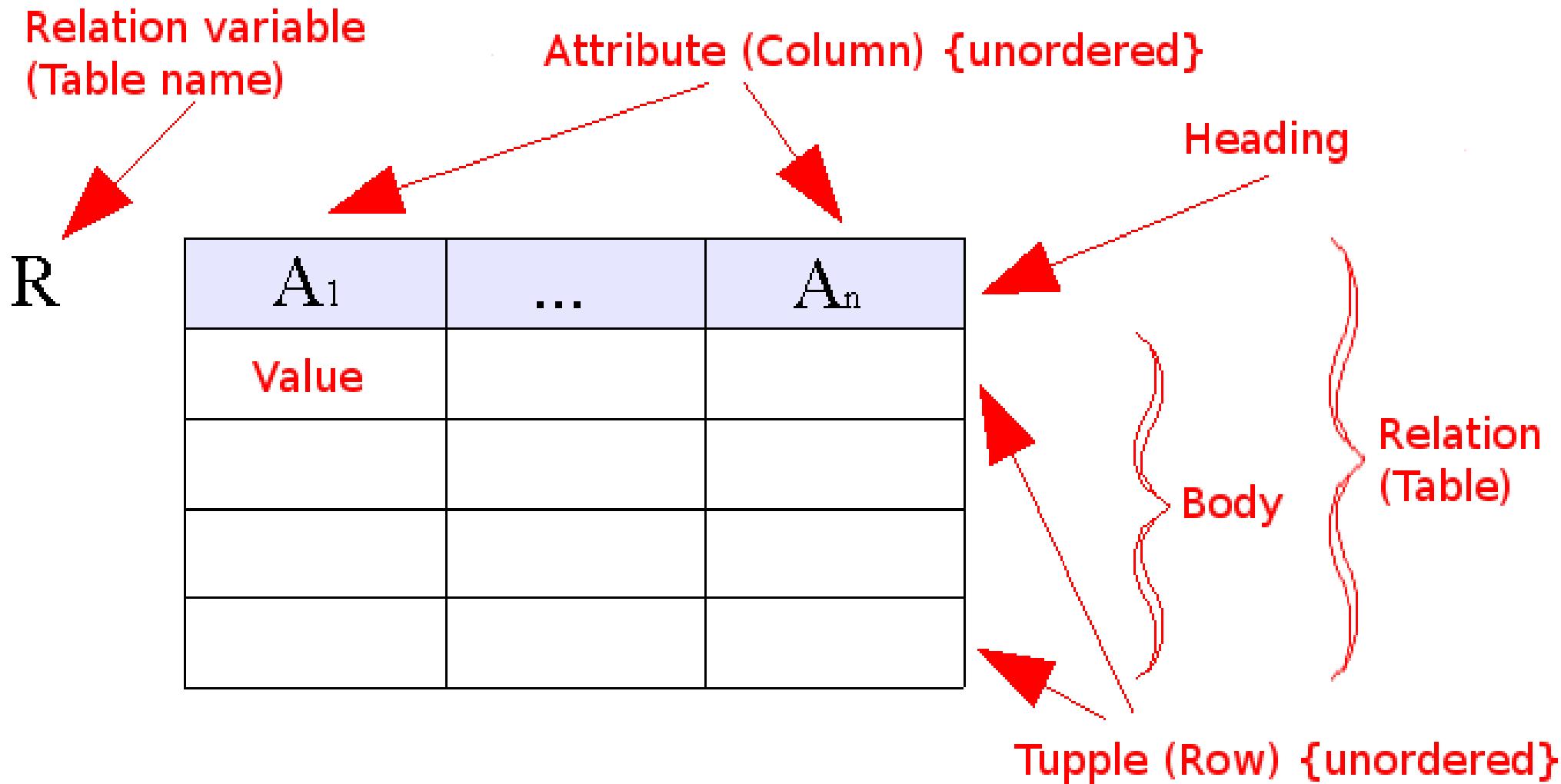


# Relational Model

- relation  $\leftrightarrow$  table
- record, tuple  $\leftrightarrow$  row
- attribute  $\leftrightarrow$  column



# Relational Model

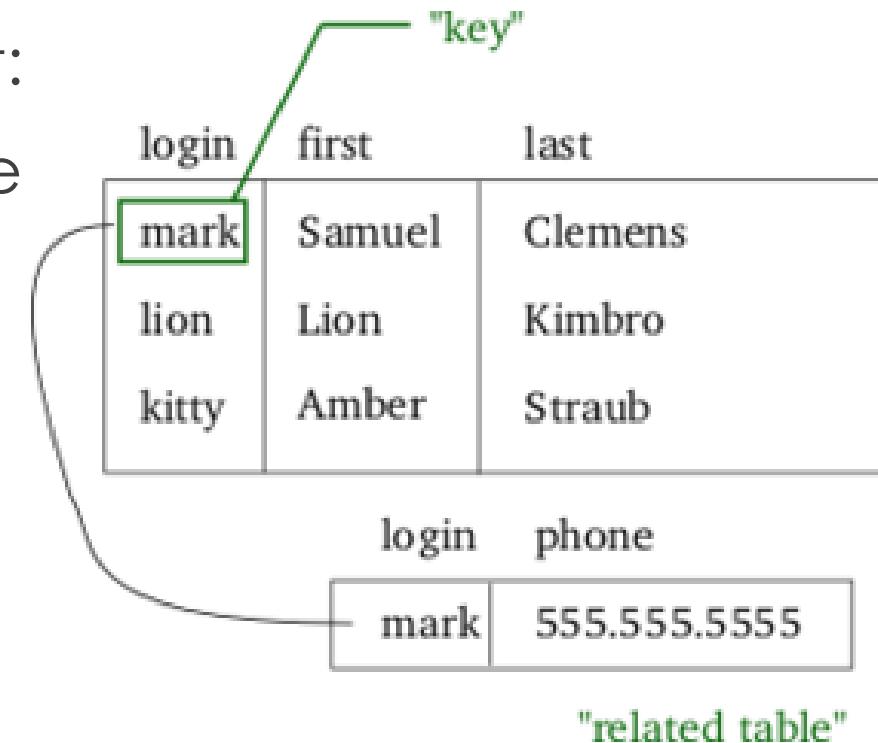


# Views. Domains. Constraints

- Def: Relations which store primary data are called **base relations** or **tables**. Other relations, which are derived from primary relations are **queries** and **views**.
- Def: **Domain** in database is a set of allowed values for a given attribute in a relation – an existing constraint about valid the type of values for given attribute.
- Def: **Constraints** allow more flexible specification of values that are valid for given attribute – e.g. from 1 to 10.

# Keys

- **Key** consists of one or more attributes, such that:
  - 1) relation has no two records with the same values for these attributes
  - 2) there is no proper subset of these attributes with the same property
- **Primary Key** is an attribute (less frequently a group of attributes), which uniquely identifies each record (tuple) in the relation
- **Foreign key** is necessary when there exists a relation between two tables – usually it is an attribute in second table referring to primary key of the first table

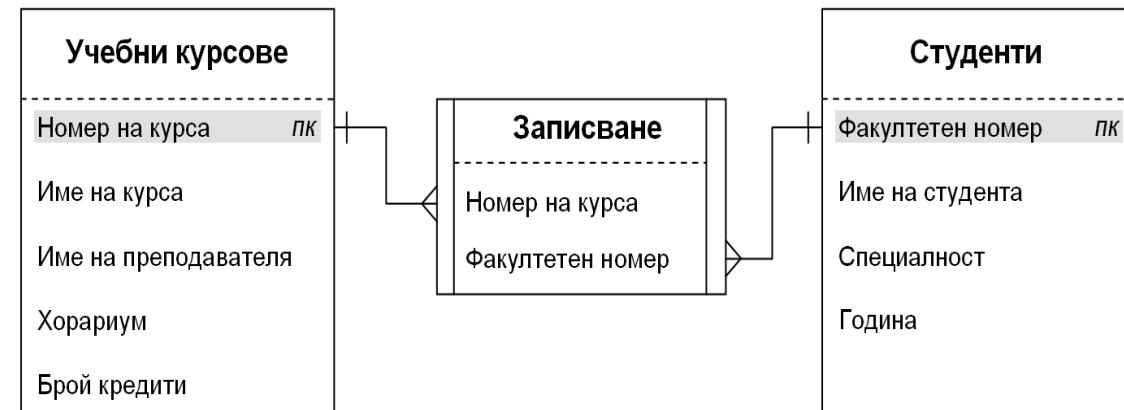
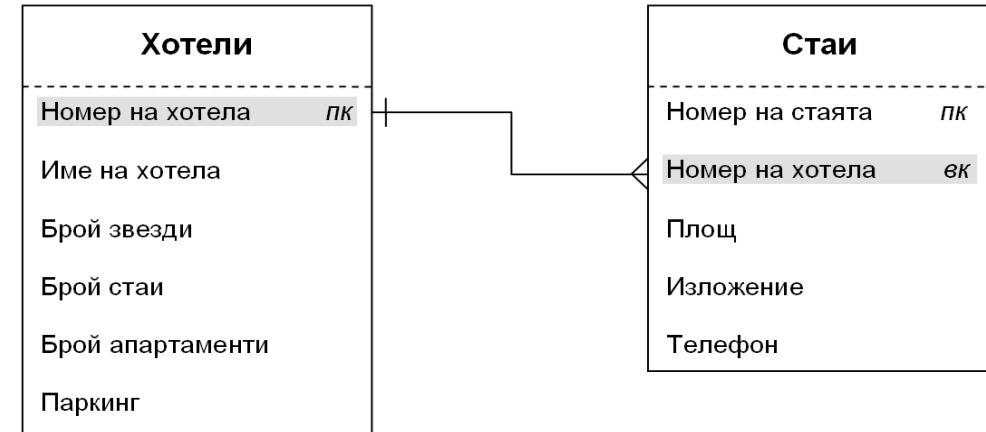


# Table Relations. Cardinality

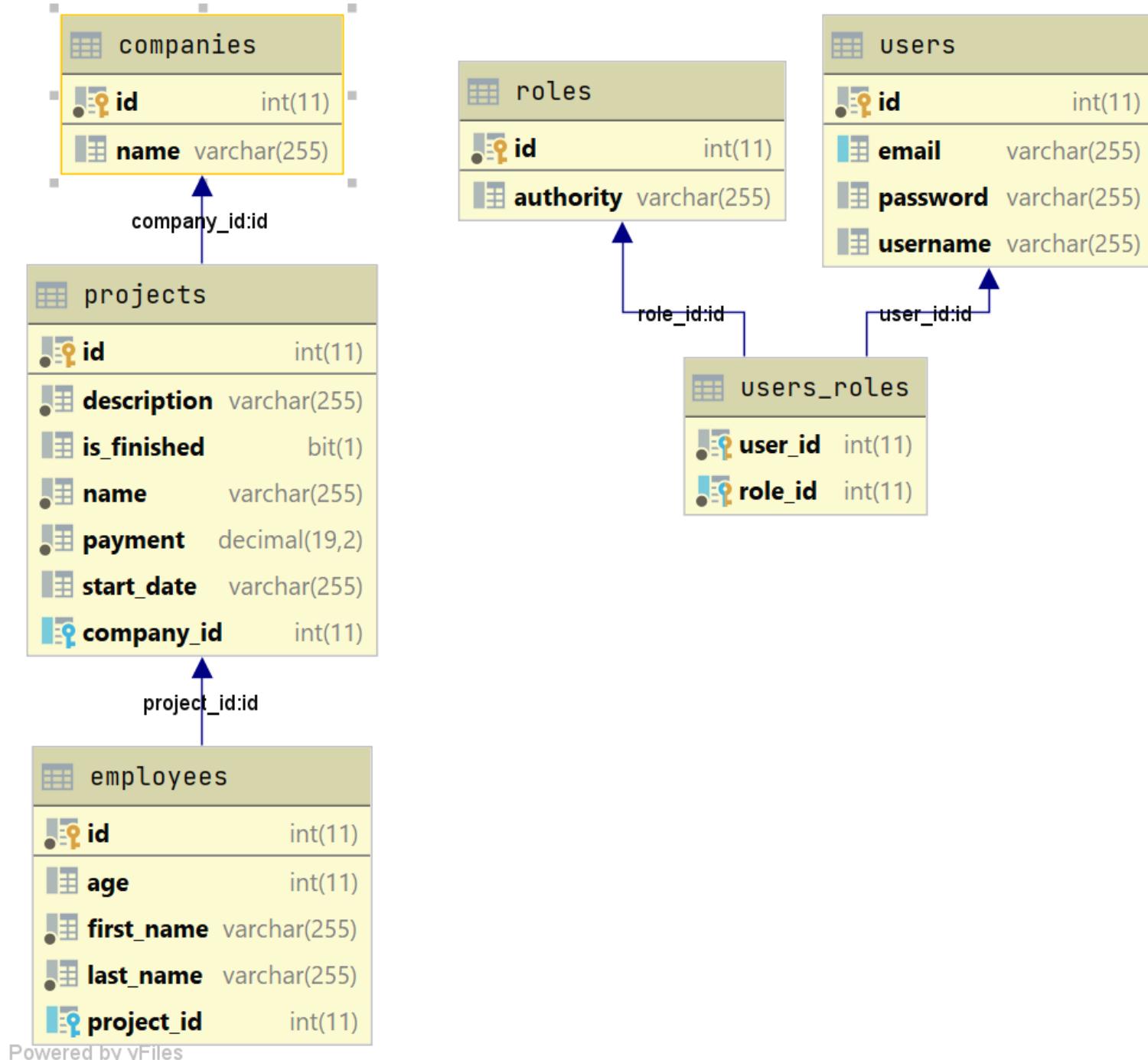
- **Relationship** is a dependency existing between two tables, when the records from first table can be connected somehow with records from second one.

- **Cardinality:**

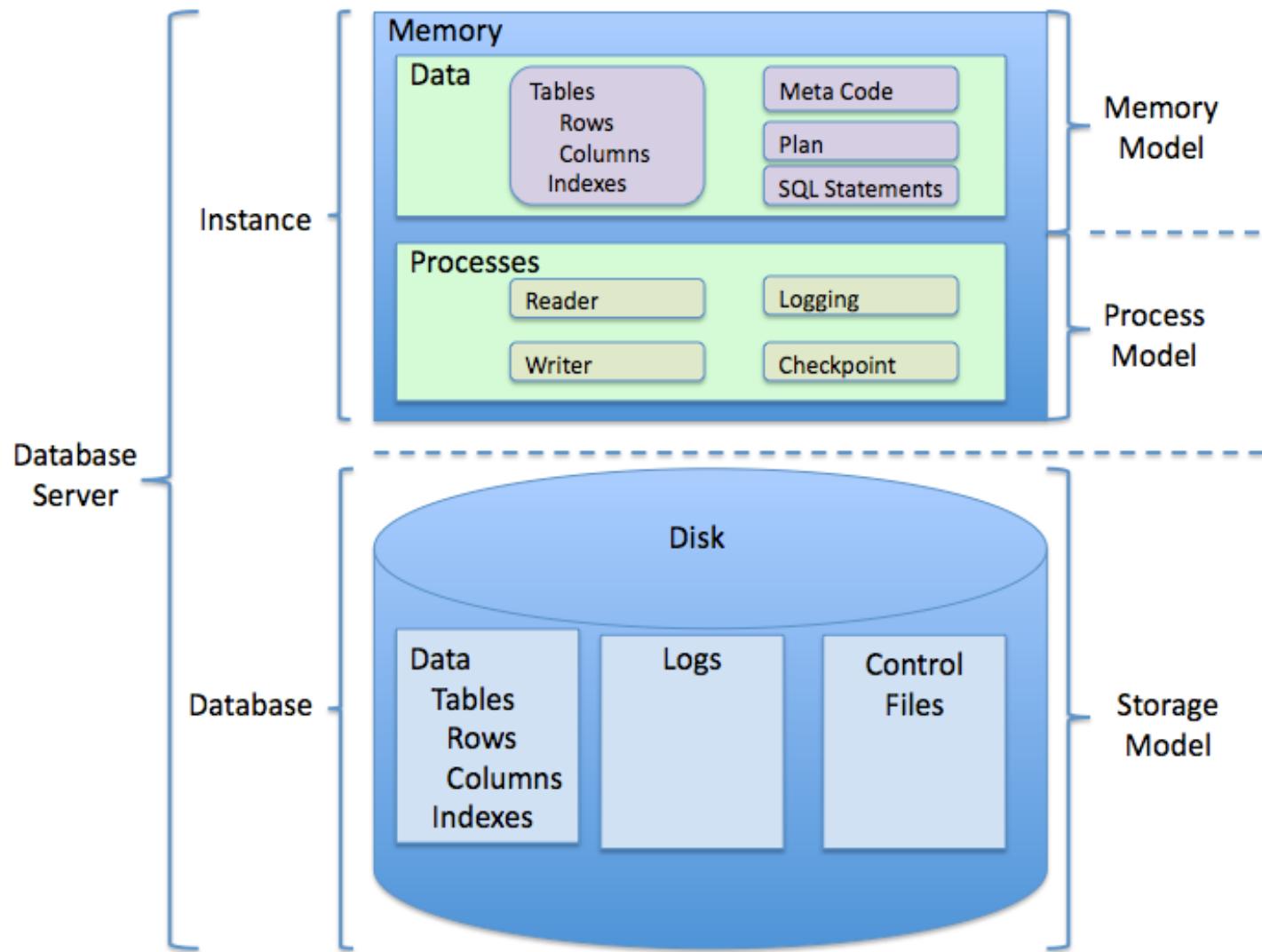
- One to one (1:1),
- One to many (1:N),
- Many to one (N:1)
- Many to many (M:N)



# Relational Schema Example ER Model



# Relational Database Management System (RDBMS)

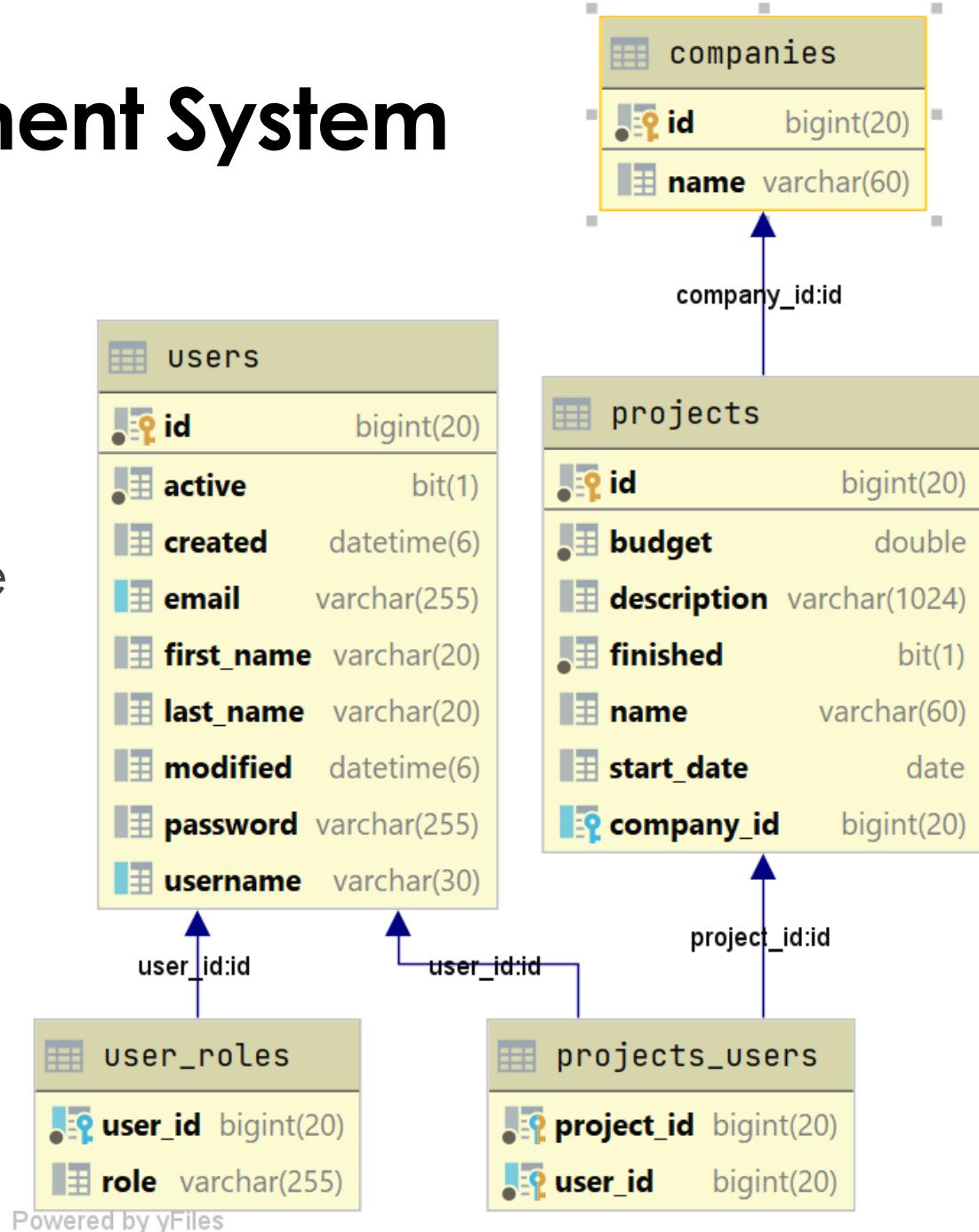


# Accessing Relational Databases with Go – database/sql



# Simple Project Management System

- Companies can develop multiple projects
- Each project can involve multiple users (employees)
- Users can have multiple roles in the project management system and can work on multiple projects
- Users should have unique username used for logging in the system together with a password





Bird's Eye

Zoom: 150%



Diagram



Catalog

Layers

User Types

Description Editor

No Selection

Description

Properties

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user\_roles

Indexes

project\_id BIGINT(20)  
user\_id BIGINT(20)

Indexes

projects\_users

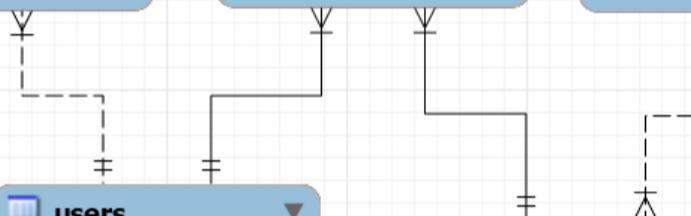
Indexes

id BIGINT(20)  
name VARCHAR(60)

Indexes

companies

Indexes



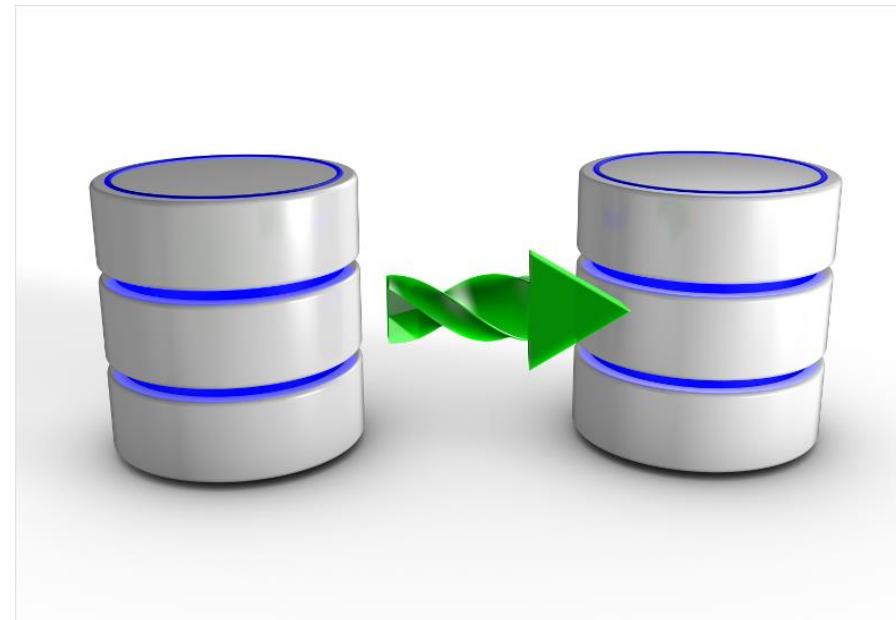
users

id BIGINT(20)  
active BIT(1)  
created DATETIME(6)  
email VARCHAR(255)  
first\_name VARCHAR(20)  
last\_name VARCHAR(20)  
modified DATETIME(6)  
password VARCHAR(255)  
username VARCHAR(30)

Indexes

# SQL Tutorials and Resources

- W3Schools SQL Tutorial – [https://www.w3schools.com/sql/sql\\_select.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/sql/sql_select.asp)
- MySQL 8.0 reference Manual – <https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/>
- MySQL Tutorial – <https://www.mysqltutorial.org/basic-mysql-tutorial.aspx>
- W3Resource MySQL Tutorial – <https://www.w3resource.com/mysql/mysql-tutorials.php>



# database/sql: <https://golang.org/pkg/database/sql/>

- Create a connections pool to MySQL DB:

```
db, err := sql.Open("mysql", "root:root@golang_projects?parseTime=true")
if err != nil {
    log.Fatal(err)
}
defer db.Close()
```

- Can add more settings to `*sql.DB`:

```
db.SetConnMaxLifetime(time.Minute * 5) // ensure connections are closed by the //driver
safely before MySQL server, OS, or other middlewares, helps load balancing
db.SetMaxOpenConns(10) // maximum size of connection pool
db.SetMaxIdleConns(10) // maximum size of idle connections in the pool
db.SetConnMaxIdleTime(time.Minute * 3) // maximum time connection is kept if idle
```

# database/sql: Ping the DB:

```
ctx, cancel := context.WithTimeout(context.Background(), 1*time.Second)
defer cancel()

status := "up"
if err := db.PingContext(ctx); err != nil {
    status = "down"
}

log.Println(status)
```

# database/sql: Simple SELECT Query

```
func FindAllProjects(db *sql.DB) ([]entities.Project, error) {
    rows, err := db.Query("SELECT * FROM projects")
    if err != nil {
        return
    }
    defer rows.Close()
    for rows.Next() {
        p := entities.Project{}
        err = rows.Scan(&p.ID, &p.Name, &p.Description, &p.Budget, &p.Finished, &p.StartDate, &p.CompID)
        if err != nil {
            return
        }
        projects = append(projects, p)
    }
    if err = rows.Err(); err != nil {
        return
    }
    return
}
```

# database/sql: Better SELECT Query

```
func FindAllProjects(db *sql.DB) (projects []entities.Project, err error) {
    rows, err := db.Query("SELECT * FROM projects")
    if err != nil { return }
    defer rows.Close()
    for rows.Next() {
        p := entities.Project{}
        err = rows.Scan(&p.ID, &p.Name, &p.Description, &p.Budget, &p.Finished, &p.StartDate,&p.ComplID)
        if err != nil { return }
        projects = append(projects, p)
    }
    // If the database is being written to ensure to check for Close errors that may be returned from the driver. The
    // query may encounter an auto-commit error and be forced to rollback changes.
    err = rows.Close()
    if err != nil {
        return
    }
    // Rows.Err will report the last error encountered by Rows.Scan.
    if err = rows.Err(); err != nil { return }
    return
}
```

# database/sql: Prepared Statement – INSERT

```
stmt, err = db.Prepare(`INSERT INTO projects(name, description , budget, start_date, finished, company_id)
                        VALUES( ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ? )`)
if err != nil { log.Fatal(err) }
defer stmt.Close() // Prepared statements take up server resources and should be closed after use.

for i, _ := range projects {
    projects[i].Finished = true
    result, err := stmt.Exec(projects[i].Name, projects[i].Description, projects[i].Budget, projects[i].StartDate,
        projects[i].Finished, projects[i].CompanyId);
    if err != nil { log.Fatal(err) }
    numRows, err := result.RowsAffected()
    if err != nil || numRows != 1 { log.Fatal("Error creating new Project", err) }
    insId, err := result.LastInsertId()
    if err != nil { log.Fatal(err) }
    projects[i].Id = insId
}
```

# Transactions and Concurrency

- **Transaction** = Business Event
- ACID rules:
- **Atomicity** – the whole transaction is completed (commit) or no part is completed at all (rollback).
- **Consistency** – transaction should preserve existing integrity constraints
- **Isolation** – two uncompleted transactions can not interact
- **Durability** – successfully completed transactions can not be rolled back

# Transaction Isolation Levels

- **DEFAULT** - use the default isolation level of the underlying datastore
- **READ\_UNCOMMITTED** – dirty reads, non-repeatable reads and phantom reads can occur
- **READ\_COMMITTED** – prevents dirty reads; non-repeatable reads and phantom reads can occur
- **REPEATABLE\_READ** – prevents dirty reads and non-repeatable reads; phantom reads can occur
- **SERIALIZABLE** – prevents dirty reads, non-repeatable reads and phantom reads

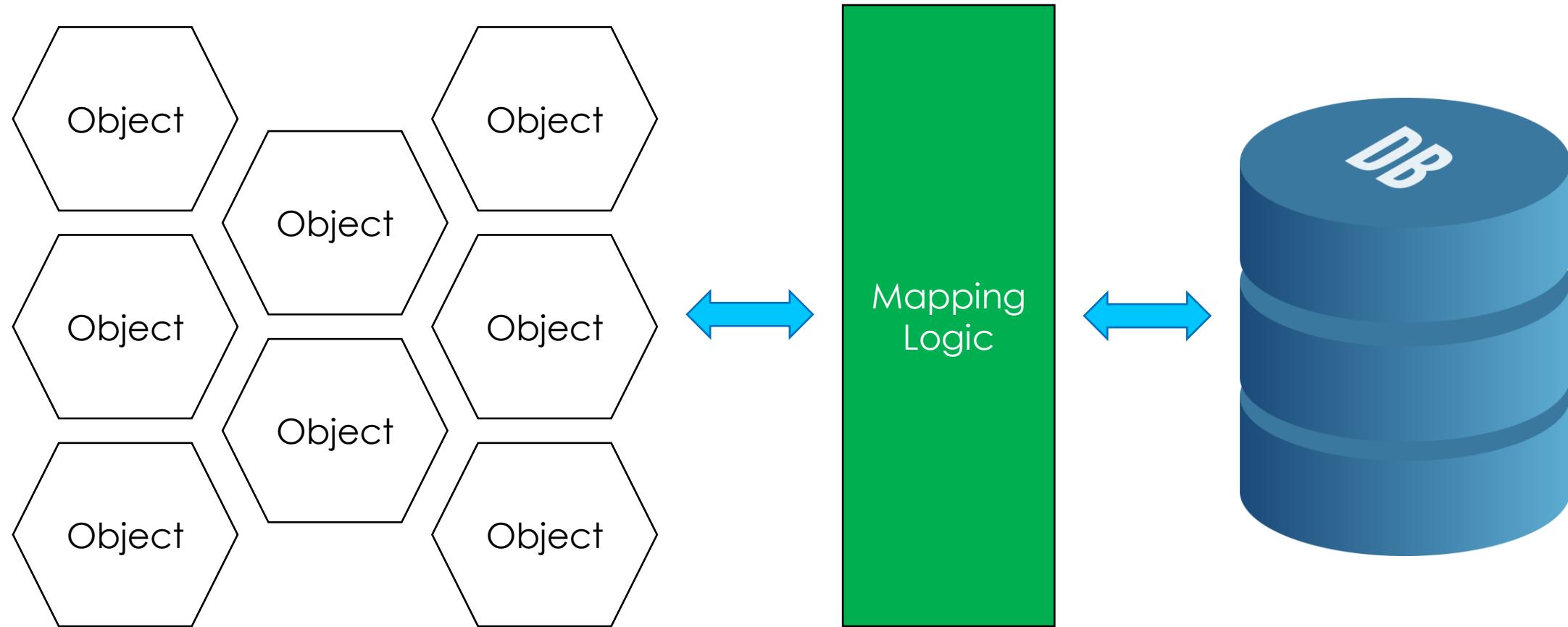
# database/sql: Update Project Budgets in Transaction

```
tx, err := db.BeginTx(ctx, &sql.TxOptions{Isolation: sql.LevelSerializable}) // or db.BeginTx()  
if err != nil { log.Fatal(err) }  
result, execErr := tx.ExecContext(ctx, `UPDATE projects SET budget = ROUND(budget * 1.2)  
WHERE start_date > ?;`, startDate)  
if execErr != nil {  
    if rollbackErr := tx.Rollback(); rollbackErr != nil {  
        log.Fatalf("update failed: %v, unable to rollback: %v\n", execErr, rollbackErr)  
    }  
    log.Fatalf("update failed: %v", execErr)  
}  
rows, err := result.RowsAffected()  
if err != nil { log.Fatal(err) }  
log.Printf("Total budgets updated: %d\n", rows)  
  
if err := tx.Commit(); err != nil {  
    log.Fatal(err)  
}
```

# Go Object to Relation Mapping with GORM



# Object To Relational Mapping (ORM)



# gorm.io/gorm: <https://gorm.io/>

```
dsn := "root:root@tcp(127.0.0.1:3306)/gorm_projects?charset=utf8mb4&parseTime=True&loc=Local"
db, err := gorm.Open(mysql.Open(dsn), &gorm.Config{})
if err != nil { log.Fatal(err) }

user := entities.User{FirstName: "Rob", LastName: "Pike2", Email: "pike2@golang.com", Username: "rob2", Password: "rob", Active: true, Model: gorm.Model{CreatedAt: time.Now(), UpdatedAt: time.Now()}}
result := db.Create(&user) // pass pointer of data to Create

if result.Error != nil {
    log.Fatal(result.Error) // returns error
}

fmt.Printf("New user created with ID: %d -> %+v\nRows affected: %d\n",
    user.ID, // returns inserted data's primary key
    user,
    result.RowsAffected, // returns inserted records count
)
```

# gorm.io/gorm: Detailed Configuration

```
db, err := gorm.Open(mysql.New(mysql.Config{  
    DSN: "root:root@tcp(127.0.0.1:3306)/golang_projects?charset=utf8&parseTime=True&loc=Local",  
    DefaultStringSize: 256, // default size for string fields  
    DisableDatetimePrecision: true, // disable datetime precision, which not supported before MySQL 5.6  
    DontSupportRenameIndex: true, // drop & create when rename index (not supported before MySQL 5.7)  
    DontSupportRenameColumn: true, // `change` when rename column (not supported before MySQL 8)  
    SkipInitializeWithVersion: false, // auto configure based on currently MySQL version  
}), &gorm.Config{})
```

# gorm.io/gorm: Batch User Creation

```
db.AutoMigrate(&entities.User{})      // Automatically create database schema – all the tables
db.AutoMigrate(&entities.Company{})
db.AutoMigrate(&entities.Project{})
users := []entities.User{
    {FirstName: "Linus", LastName: "Torvalds", Email: "linus@linux.com", Username: "linus", Password: "linus",
     Active: true, Model: gorm.Model{CreatedAt: time.Now(), UpdatedAt: time.Now()}},
    {FirstName: "Rob", LastName: "Pike", Email: "pike@golang.com", Username: "rob", Password: "rob",
     Active: true, Model: gorm.Model{CreatedAt: time.Now(), UpdatedAt: time.Now()}},
}
result := db.Create(&users) // pass pointer of data to Create
//db.CreateInBatches(users, 100) // batch size 100
if result.Error != nil { log.Fatal(result.Error) } // returns error
fmt.Printf("New users created with IDs: ")
for _, user := range users { fmt.Printf("%d, ", user.ID) }
```

# gorm.io/gorm: ... and Query

```
result = db.Find(&users)      // Get all users - SELECT * FROM users;

if result.Error != nil {      // if returns error

    log.Fatal(result.Error)
}

fmt.Printf("Number of users: %d\n", result.RowsAffected) // returns found records count, equals `len(users)`

utils.PrintUsers(users)
```

# gorm.io/gorm: Preloading (Prefetching) Associations

```
result = db.Preload(clause.Associations).Find(&companies) // SELECT * FROM companies fetching projects
if result.Error != nil {
    log.Fatal(result.Error) // returns error
}
fmt.Printf("Number of companies: %d\n", result.RowsAffected)// returns found records count, equals `len(users)`
utils.PrintCompanies(companies)
```

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```
result = db.Preload(clause.Associations).Find(&projects) // SELECT * FROM users with associations
if result.Error != nil { log.Fatal(result.Error) } // returns error
err = db.Model(&(projects[0])).Association("Users").Find(&users) // Association mode
if err != nil { log.Fatal(result.Error) } // returns error
fmt.Printf("Users in Project '%s': %v\n", projects[0].Name, users)
```

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```
db.Session(&gorm.Session{FullSaveAssociations: true}).Updates(&user) // Saving all associations
```

# Common Pitfalls when Using RDBs with Go - I

- Deferring `rows.Close()` inside a loop → memory and connections
- Opening many dbobjects (`sql.Db`) → many TCP connections in TIME\_WAIT
- Not doing `rows.Close()` when done → Run `rows.Close()` as soon as possible, you can run it later again (no problem). Chain `db.QueryRow()` & `.Scan()`
- Unnecessaey use of prepared statements → if concurrency is high, consider whether prepared statements are necessary → re-prepared on busy connections → should be used only if executed many times
- Too much `strconv` or casts → let conversions to `.Scan()`
- Custom error-handling and retry → database/sql should handle connection pooling, reconnecting, and retrys

# Common Pitfalls when Using RDBs with Go - II

- Don't forgetting to check errors after `rows.Next()` → `rows.Next()` can exit with error
- Using `db.Query()` for **non-SELECT** queries → iterating over a result set when there is no one, leaking connections.
- Don't assuming subsequent statements are executed on same connection → Two statements can run on different connections → to solve the problem execute all statements on a single transaction (`sql.Tx`).
- Don't mix `db` access while using a `tx` → `sql.Tx` is bound to transaction, `db` not
- Unexpected `NULL` → to scan for `NULL` use one of the `NullXXX` types provided by the `database/sql` package – e.g. `NullString`

# Recommended Literature

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