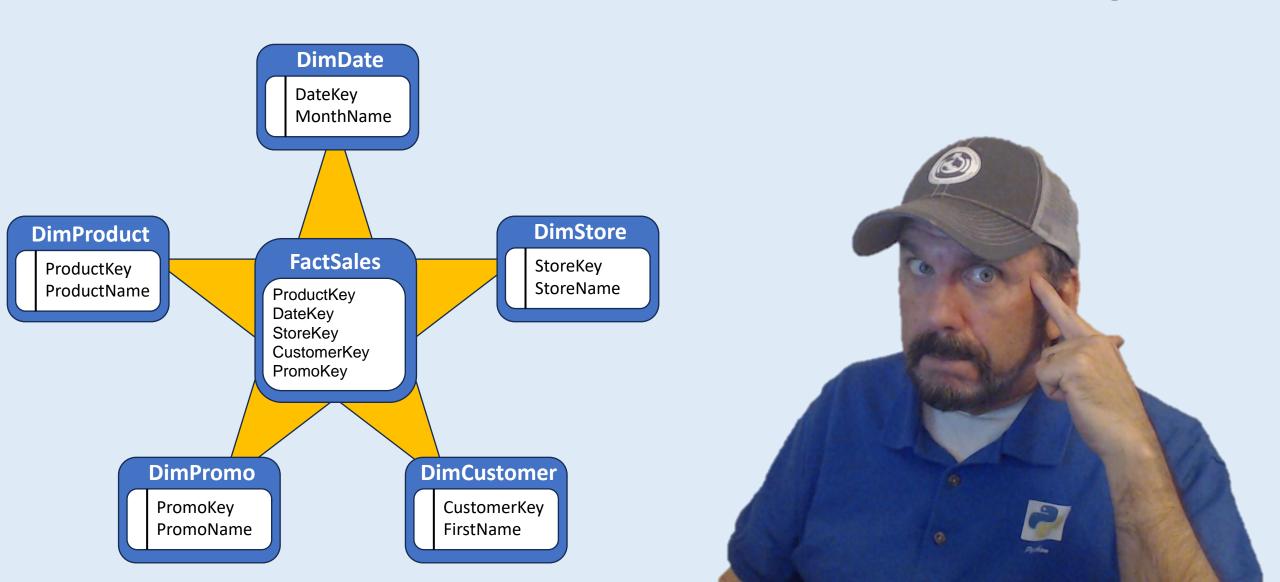
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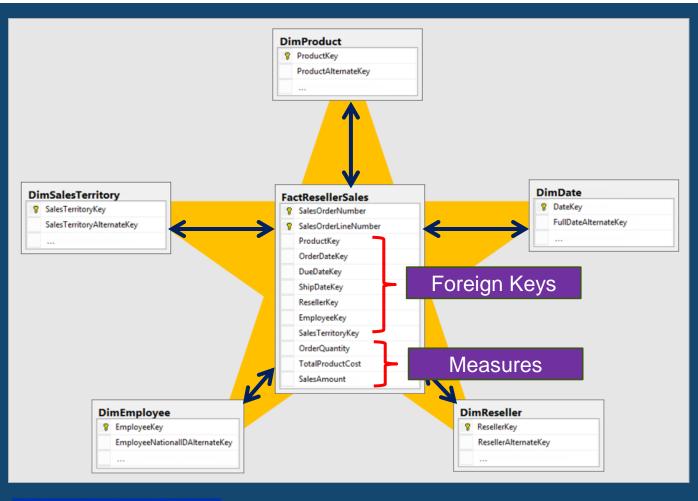
**Lesson 01: Why You Need Dimensional Modeling** 



### Where Are We Going?

- What is the Star Schema?
- Why Do You Need the Star Schema?
- What Dimensional Modeling is Not
- Wrapping Up

#### What is the Star Schema?



- aka Dimensional Model
- Provide an Efficient Way to Query Data
- Trades Data Redundancy for Speed!
- Numeric Measures aka Facts at the Center
- Descriptive Data to the Sides aka Dimensions
- The Fact table has a Foreign Key to Each Dimension Table
- Single Join to Get any Dimension Data
- Minimizes Table Joins
- Easy for End Users to Use

Get Value From the Data!!!

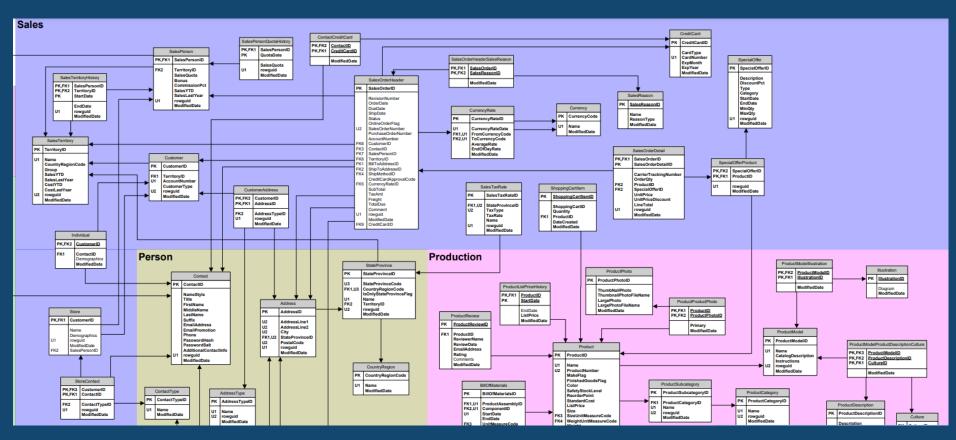
Dimensional Modeling

The Heart of the Data Warehouse



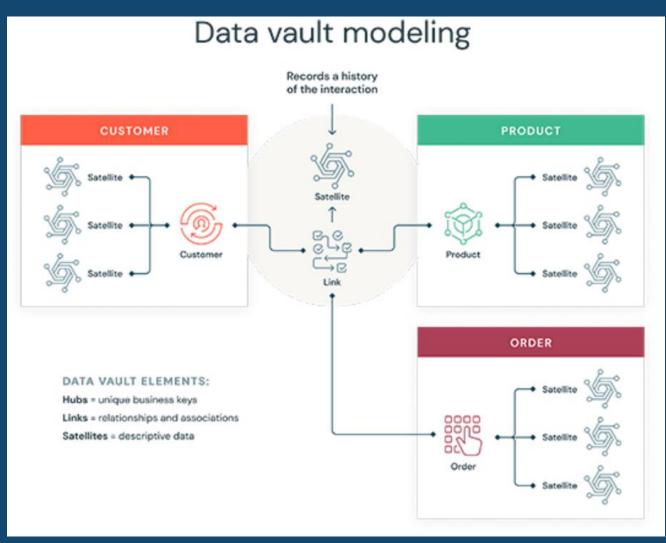
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## vs Entity Relationship Model (ERM)



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#### vs Data Vault



Data Vault in a Data Lake?

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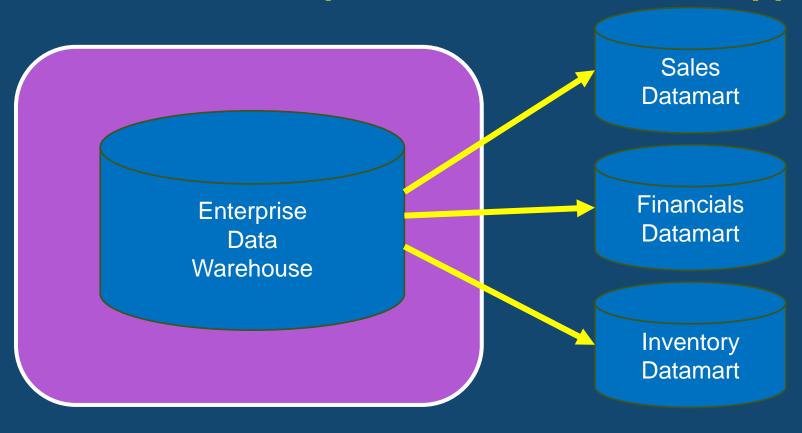
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## Why Do You Need the Star Schema?

- Efficiently Supports Many Types of Uses:
  - Reporting (Power BI Recommends Star Schema)
  - Data Analysis
  - Source for Machine Learning/Al
- Star Schema is Very Flexible and Extensible
- Data Platform Independent
  - Good for Relational Databases and Big Data Platforms
  - Databricks <a href="https://www.databricks.com/glossary/star-schema">https://www.databricks.com/glossary/star-schema</a>
  - Snowflake
- Slowly Changing Dimensions History

#### What the Star Schema Is Not

> It is Not an Enterprise Data Warehouse Approach



### Wrapping Up

- What is the Star Schema?