

Table Relations

Database Design and Rules



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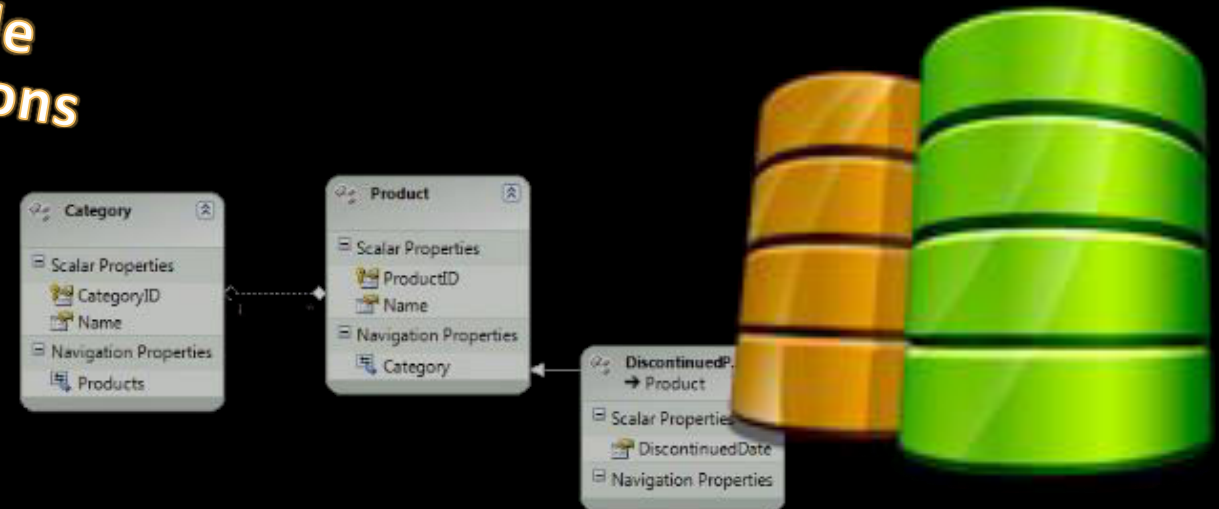


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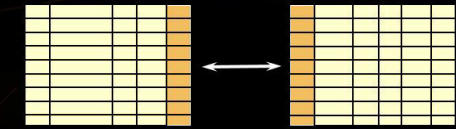


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Database Design

Fundamental Concepts

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Identification of Entities

- Entity tables represent objects from the real world
 - Most often they are nouns in the specification
 - For example:

We need to develop a system that stores information about **students**, which are trained in various **courses**. The courses are held in different **towns**. When registering a new student the following information is entered: name, faculty number, photo and date.

- Entities: **Student, Course, Town**

Identification of the Columns

- Columns are clarifications for the entities in the text of the specification, for example:

We need to develop a system that stores information about **students**, which are trained in various **courses**. The courses are held in different **towns**. When registering a new student the following information is entered: **name**, **faculty number**, **photo** and **date**.

- Students have the following characteristics:
 - Name, faculty number, photo, date of enlistment and a list of courses they visit

How to Choose a Primary Key?

- Always define an additional column for the primary key
 - Don't use an existing column (for example SSN)
 - Must be an integer number
 - Must be declared as a **PRIMARY KEY**
 - Use **auto_increment** to implement auto-increment
 - Put the primary key as a first column
- Exceptions
 - Entities that have well known ID, e.g. countries (BG, DE, US) and currencies (USD, EUR, BGN)

Identification of Relationships

- Relationships are dependencies between the entities:

We need to develop a system that stores information about **students**, which **are trained in** various **courses**. The courses are held in different **towns**. When registering a new student the following information is entered: name, faculty number, photo and date.

- "Students are trained in courses" – **many-to-many** relationship.
- "Courses are held in towns" – **many-to-one** (or many-to-many) relationship



Table Relations

Relational Database Model in Action

Relationships

- Relationships between tables are based on interconnections:
PRIMARY KEY / FOREIGN KEY

Primary key

towns

id	name	country_id
1	Sofia	1
2	Varna	1
3	Munich	2
4	Berlin	2
5	Moscow	3

Foreign key

Primary key

countries

id	name
1	Bulgaria
2	Germany
3	Russia



Relationships

Relationships (2)

- The **foreign key** is an **identifier** of a record located in another table (usually its primary key)
- By using relationships we avoid repeating data in the database
- Relationships have multiplicity:
 - **One-to-many** – e.g. country / towns
 - **Many-to-many** – e.g. student / course
 - **One-to-one** – e.g. example driver / car

One-to-Many/Many-to-One

Primary key

Mountains

mountain_id	name
1	Causasus

Primary key

Peaks

Foreign key

peak_id	mountain_id
61	1
66	1

Relation

Setup

```
CREATE TABLE mountains(  
    mountain_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    mountain_name VARCHAR(50)  
);  
CREATE TABLE peaks(  
    peak_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    mountain_id INT,  
    CONSTRAINT fk_peaks_mountains  
    FOREIGN KEY (mountain_id)  
    REFERENCES mountains(mountain_id)  
);
```

Primary key

Table Peaks

Foreign Key

Foreign Key

Constraint
Name

```
CONSTRAINT fk_peaks_mountains  
FOREIGN KEY (mountain_id)  
REFERENCES mountains(mountain_id);
```

Foreign Key

Referent Table

Primary Key

Many-to-Many

Primary key

employees

employee_id	name
1	...
40	...

Primary key

projects

project_id	name
4	...
24	...

Mapping table

employees_projects

employee_id	project_id
1	4
40	24

Setup(1)

```
CREATE TABLE employees(  
  employee_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
  employee_name VARCHAR(50)  
);
```

Table Employees

```
CREATE TABLE projects(  
  project_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
  project_name VARCHAR(50)  
);
```

Table Projects

Setup(2)

Mapping Table

```
CREATE TABLE employees_projects(  
  employee_id INT,  
  project_id INT,  
  CONSTRAINT pk_employees_projects  
  PRIMARY KEY(employee_id, project_id),  
  CONSTRAINT fk_employees_projects_employees  
  FOREIGN KEY(employee_id)  
  REFERENCES employees(employee_id),  
  CONSTRAINT fk_employees_projects_projects  
  FOREIGN KEY(project_id)  
  REFERENCES projects(project_id)  
);
```

Primary Key

Foreign Key

Foreign Key

One-to-One

Primary key

cars

Foreign key

car_id	driver_id
1	166
2	102

Primary key

drivers

driver_id	driver_name
166	...
102	...

Relation

Setup

```
CREATE TABLE drivers(  
  driver_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
  driver_name VARCHAR(50)  
);
```

Primary key

```
CREATE TABLE cars(  
  car_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
  driver_id INT UNIQUE,  
  CONSTRAINT fk_cars_drivers FOREIGN KEY  
    (driver_id) REFERENCES drivers(driver_id)  
);
```

One driver
per car

Foreign Key

Foreign Key

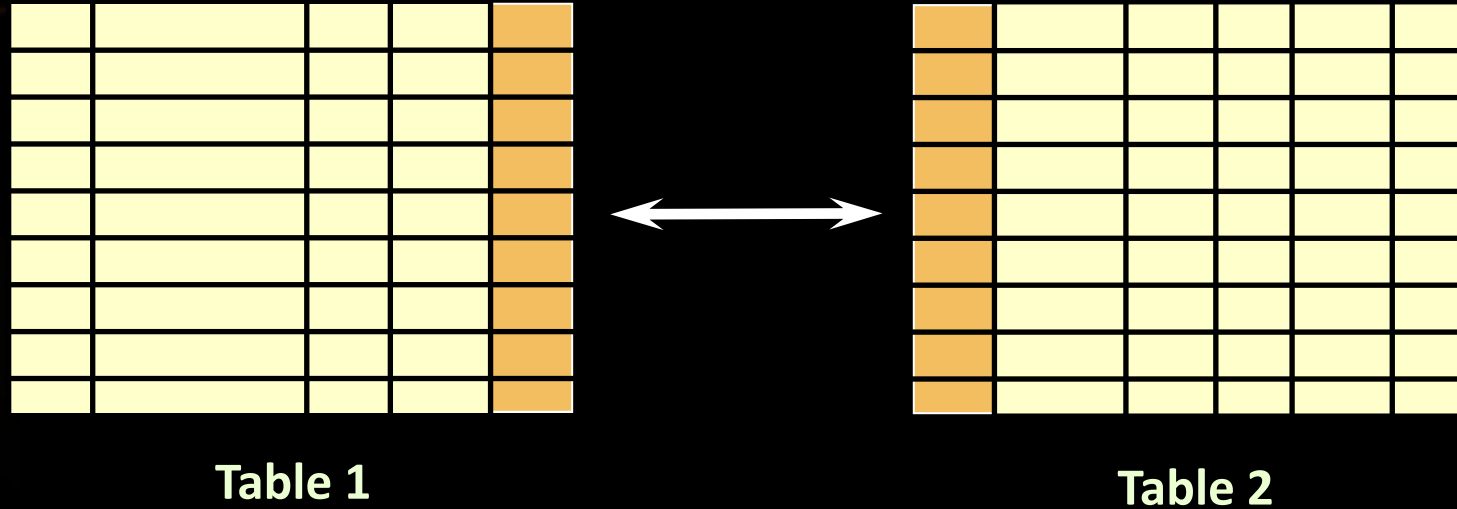
Constraint
Name

```
CONSTRAINT fk_cars_drivers  
FOREIGN KEY (driver_id)  
REFERENCES drivers(driver_id)
```

Foreign Key

Referent Table

Primary Key



Retrieving Related Data

Using Simple JOIN statements

Joins

- Table relations are useful when combined with JOINS
- With JOINS we can get data from two tables **simultaneously**
 - JOINS require at least two tables and a "**join condition**"
 - Example:

Select from Tables

```
SELECT * FROM table_a
JOIN table_b ON
    table_b.common_column = table_a.common_column
```

Join Condition

Problem: Peaks in Rila

- Report all peaks for "Rila" mountain.
 - Report includes mountain's name, peak's name and also peak's elevation
 - Peaks should be **sorted** by elevation descending
 - Use database "Geography".

mountain_range	peak_name	elevation
Rila	Musala	2925
Rila	Malka Musala	2902
Rila	Malyovitsa	2729
Rila	Orlovets	2685

Check your solution here: <https://judge.softuni.bg/Contests/Practice/Index/605#6>

Solution: Peaks in Rila

Cross Table Selection

```
SELECT m.mountain_range, p.peak_name, p.elevation
FROM peaks AS p
JOIN mountains AS m ON m.id = p.mountain_id
WHERE m.mountain_range = 'Rila'
ORDER BY p.elevation DESC;
```

Join Condition

Sort

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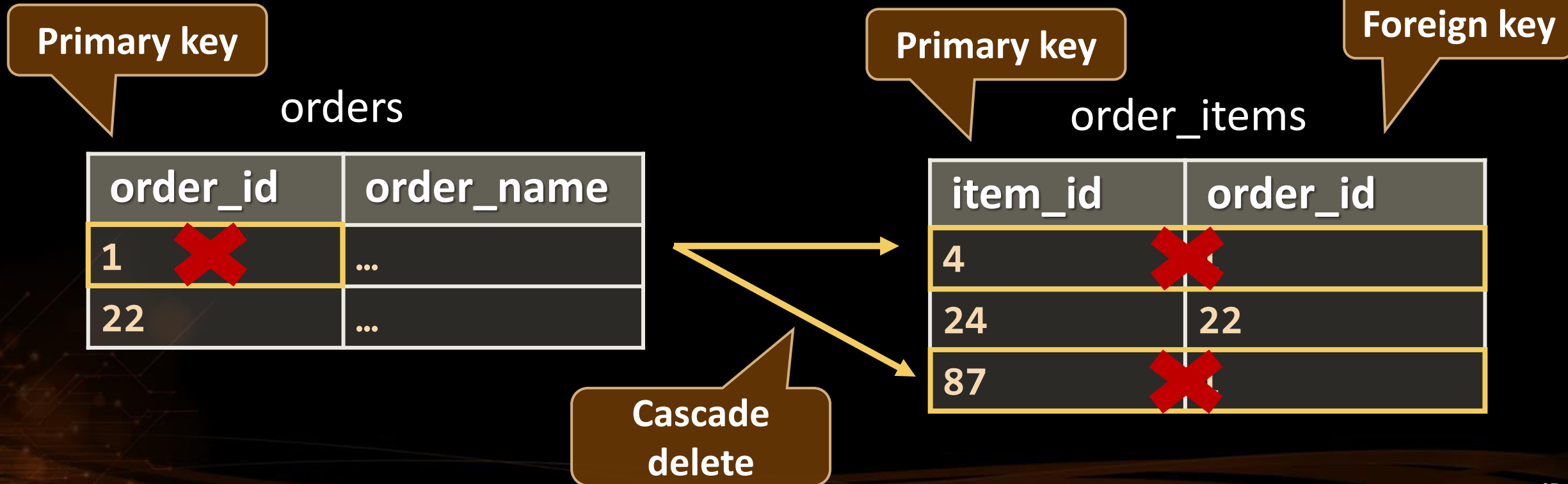


Cascade Operations

Cascade Delete/Update

Definition

- Cascading allows when a change is made to certain entity, this change to apply to all related entities



CASCADE DELETE

- CASCADE can be either **DELETE** or **UPDATE**.
- Use **CASCADE DELETE** when:
 - The related entities are **meaningless** without the "main" one
- Do **not** use **CASCADE DELETE** when:
 - You make "**logical delete**"
 - You preserve **history**
 - Keep in mind that in more complicated relations it won't work with **circular** references

CASCADE UPDATE

- Use **CASCADE UPDATE** when:
 - The primary key is **NOT** identity (not **auto-increment**) and therefore it **can** be changed
 - Best used with **UNIQUE** constraint
- Do **not** use **CASCADE UPDATE** when:
 - The primary is identity (**auto-increment**)
- Cascading can be avoided using triggers or procedures

Foreign Key Delete Cascade

Table Drivers

```
CREATE TABLE drivers(  
  driver_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
  driver_name VARCHAR(50)  
);
```

Table Cars

```
CREATE TABLE cars(  
  car_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
  driver_id INT,  
  CONSTRAINT fk_car_driver FOREIGN KEY(driver_id)  
  REFERENCES drivers(driver_id) ON DELETE CASCADE  
);
```

Foreign Key

Foreign Key Update Cascade

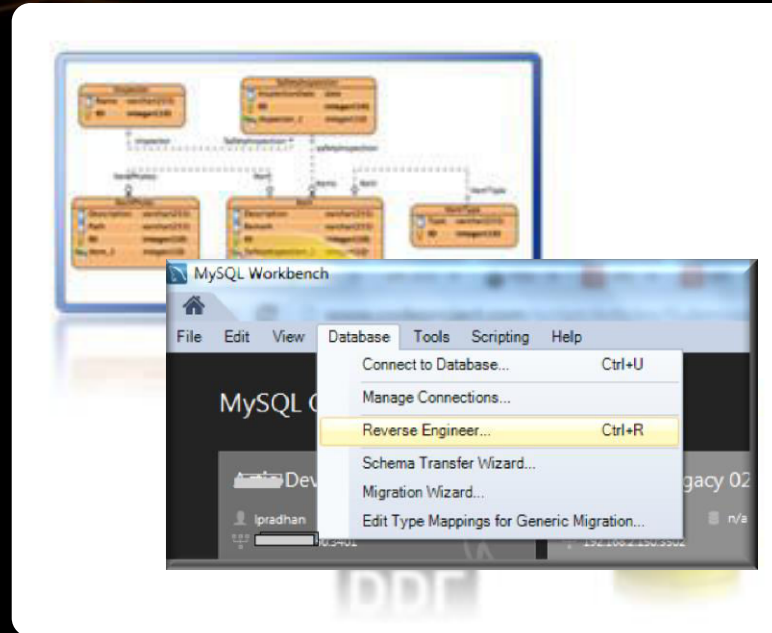
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    driver_id INT,  
    CONSTRAINT fk_car_driver FOREIGN KEY(driver_id)  
    REFERENCES drivers(driver_id) ON UPDATE CASCADE  
);
```

Table Cars

Foreign Key



E/R Diagrams

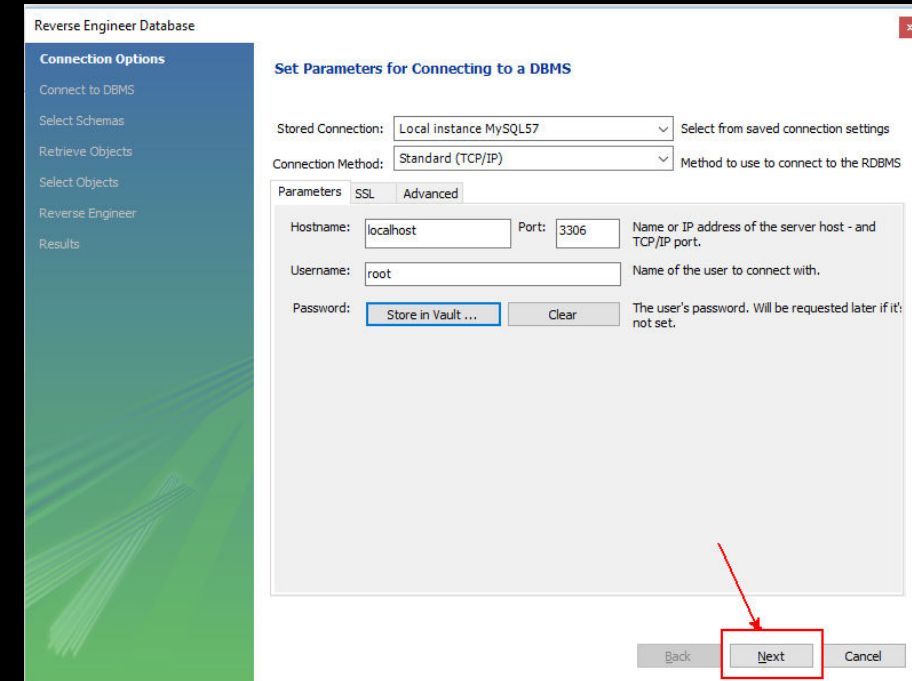
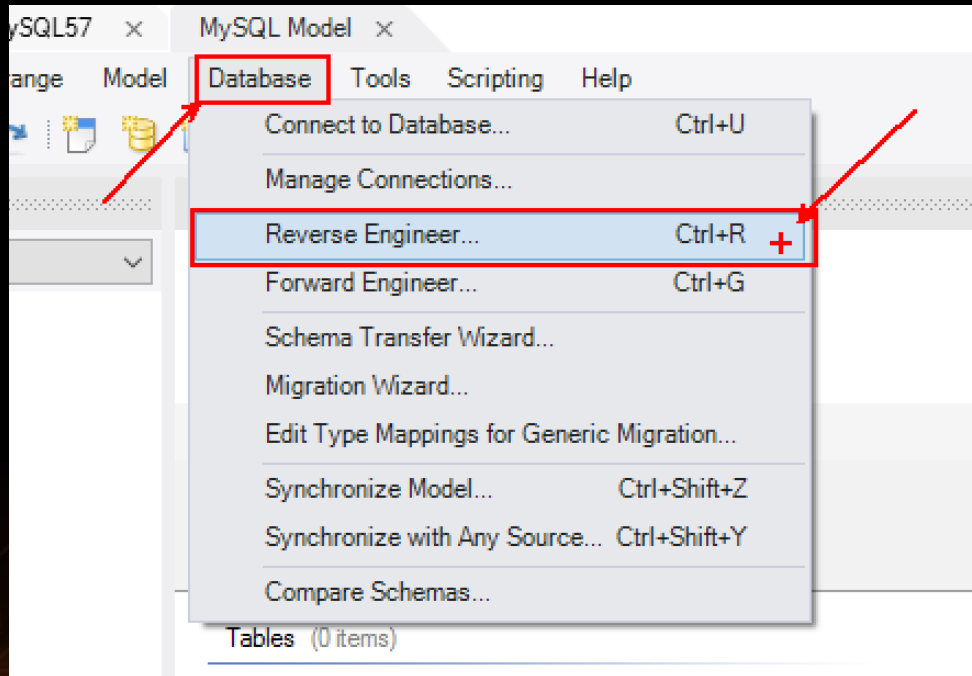
Entity / Relationship Diagrams

Relational Schema

- **Relational schema** of a DB is the collection of:
 - The schemas of all tables
 - Relationships between the tables
 - Any other database objects (e.g. constraints)
- The relational schema describes the **structure** of the database
 - Doesn't contain data, but **metadata**
- Relational schemas are **graphically** displayed in Entity / Relationship diagrams (**E/R Diagrams**)

E/R Diagram

- Click on "Database" then select "Reverse Engineer"



E/R Diagram

Reverse Engineer Database

Connection Options

Connect to DBMS

Select Schemas

Retrieve Objects

Select Objects

Reverse Engineer

Results

Connect to DBMS and Fetch Information

The following tasks will now be executed. Please monitor the execution.
Press Show Logs to see the execution logs.

☒ Connect to DBMS

☒ Retrieve Schema List from Database

☒ Check Common Server Configuration Issues

Execution Completed Successfully

Fetch finished.

Show Logs

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Cancel



Reverse Engineer Database

Connection Options

Connect to DBMS

Select Schemas

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Select Schemas to Reverse Engineer

Select the schemas below you want to include:

☐ chinook

☐ demo

☐ diablo

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☐ gringotts

☐ minions

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☐ sgeb

☐ sgeb_test

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☐ some_test-base

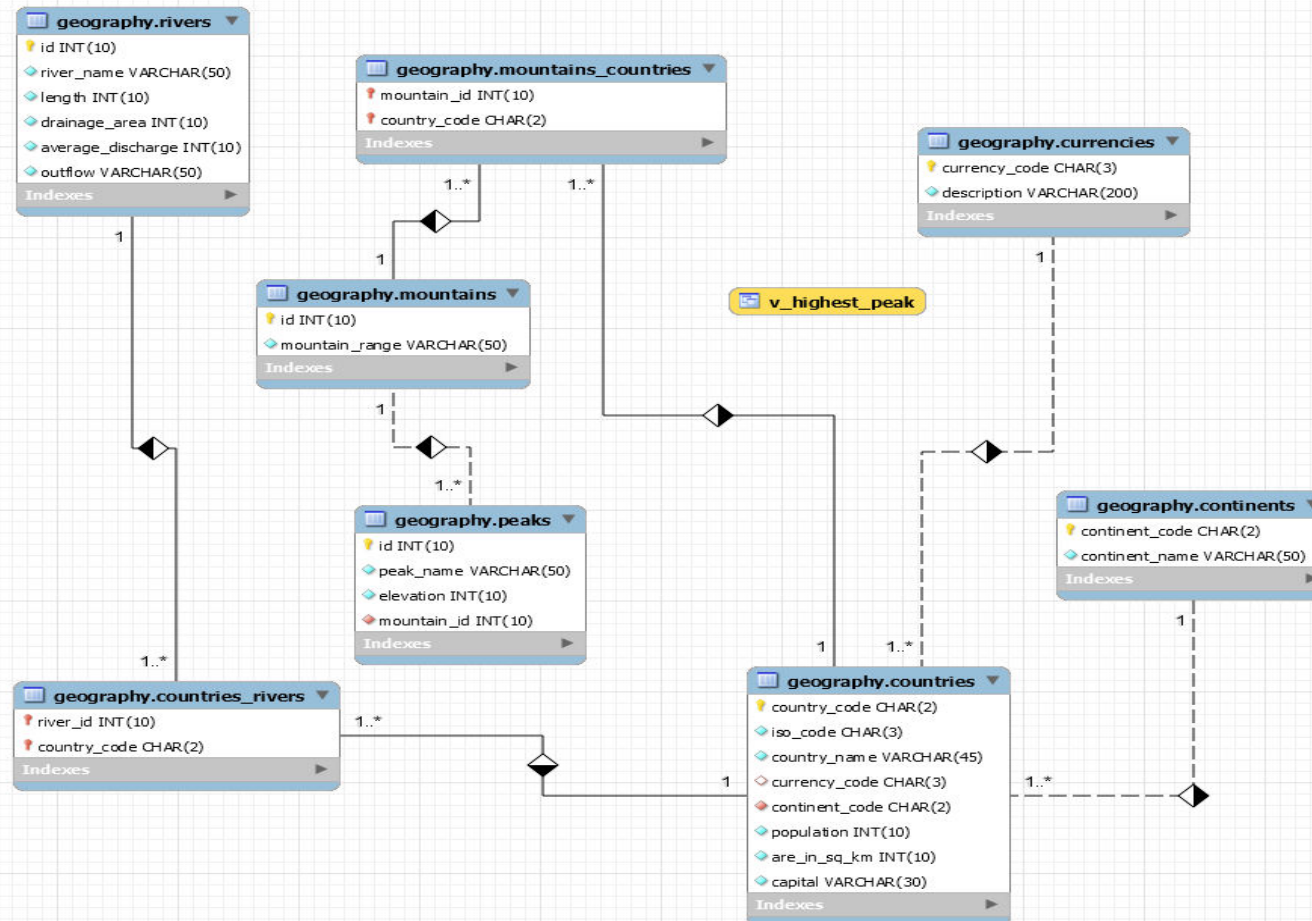
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E/R Diagram



Summary

- We design databases by specification **entities** and their **characteristics**
- Two types of relations:
 - One-to-many
 - Many-to-many
- We visualize relations via E/R diagrams



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Questions?



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