



## Database Fundamentals

Session 1



Introduction to Databases

Relational Databases

Keys

Normalisation

NoSQL

Other Types of Database

Recap

# Learning Objectives

- Explain the concepts and uses of a relational database management system
- Identify the different types of **key** in a RDBMS
- Understand the principles of **normalisation** on a relational database

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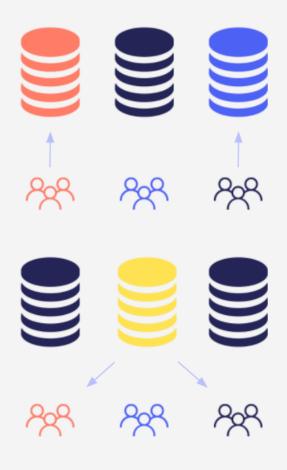
# Introduction to Databases

# A Database Management System (DBMS) provides...

...an efficient, reliable, convenient and safe multi-user storage and access to massive amounts of persistent data.



- → Massive
- → Persistent
  - → Safe
- → Multi-user
- → Convenient
- → Efficient
- → Reliable



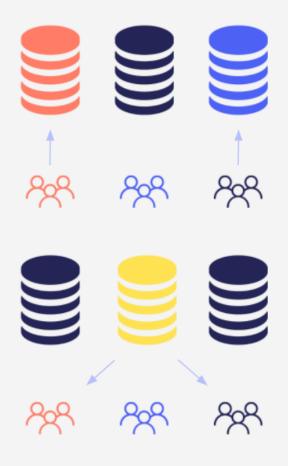
### **Key Concepts**

→ Data Model

→ Schema vs Data

→ Data Definition Language (DDL)

→ Data Manipulation Language (DML)



### Key People

- → DBMS Implementer
- → Database Designer
- → Database Application Developer
  - → Database Administrator

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# **Relational Databases**

Relational Database Management System (RDBMS):

A database where data is organised into tables with defined relationships between them

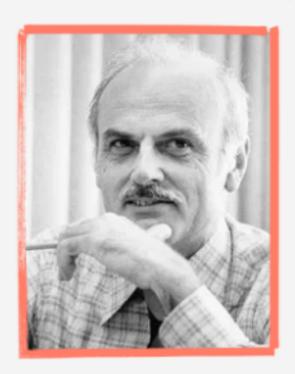
Increased speed and storage

Less redundant and duplicated data

Fewer problems updating data

Less chance of deleting important data

Design follows consistent principles



EMP_ID	EMP_NAME	DPT_ID
111	Alex	10
112	Liz	20
113	Joshua	10
114	Zoe	NULL

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10	Sales	
20	HR	
30	Operations	

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**Schema:** A structural description of relations in a database

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**Instance:** Data stored in database at a given point in time

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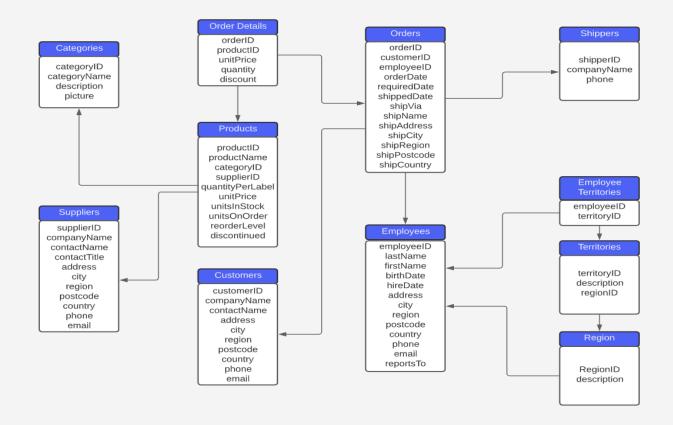
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**NULL:** the absence of a value

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SHIPPERID	COMPANYNAME	PHONE	
234	BigShippers	01302858888	
235	DeliverForce	01302823444	
236	ShipUK	01709282327	
237	01302339188		
shippers_table			

The Alternative...

COACH ID	COACH NAME	NO_COHORTS	ASSISTANT	APPRENTICE	COHORT	AGE	LIN
1	Steph	5	Ashray	Adam	Standard	20	Eva
1	Steph	5	Ashray	Natasha	Outliers	19	Bori
2	Ben	2	Ashray	Kingsley	Patch	23	Mila
3	Tony	3	John	Grace	Sprite	21	Mila
1	Steph	5	Ashray	Greta	Outliers	22	Isabe
4	Bruce	5	John	Alison	Movers	20	Henr

#### Difficult to insert new data

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# Cannot modify existing data

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#### Cannot delete information

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A unique identifier for each row in a table

COACH ID	COACH NAME	NO_COHORTS	ASSISTANT
1	Steph	5	Ashray
2	Ben	2	Ashray

coach\_table

## Primary keys...

...cannot be NULL

...must be unique

...should rarely be changed

...given a new value when a new record is created

## Foreign Key

A field in one table that is a primary key in another table. These keys enable relationships between tables and allow them to be joined

APP_ID	NAME	COACH_ID
16	Adam	1
23	Natasha	1
20	Kingsley	2

appren	tice	table

COACH_ID	NAME	ASSISTANT	
1	Steph	Ashray	
2	Ben	Ashray	

coach\_table



Two or more columns together acting as a **primary key** 

APPRENTICE_ID	MODULE_ID	GRADE	COACH_ID
1	1	99	1
1	2	75	1
2	1	80	2
2	2	78	2

assignment\_table

### **Activity**

In groups discuss how this table can be redesigned into something more useable.

- How many tables would you create?
- What are the primary/foreign keys?
- What information would be placed in each?

coach_table	program_table	cohort_table	apprentice_table	
coach_id coach_name no_cohorts apprenticeship	apprenticeship TA	cohort_name coach_id	app_name age LM apprenticeship company_name cohort	



# Normalisation

Normalisation is the process of structuring a database to reduce data redundancy and improve data integrity.

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Data is prevented from being lost when it is not supposed to be, or not deleted when it should (deleted anomaly)

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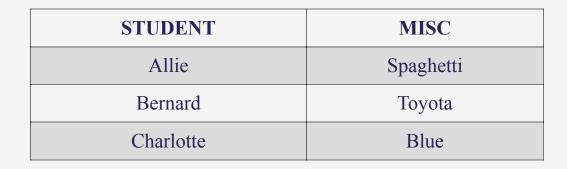
STUDENT	NUMBER
Allie	07551502613
Bernard	07723871451, 07464998651
Charlotte	07818771127

STUDENT	NUMBER 1	NUMBER 2
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STUDENT	FAV FOOD
Allie	Spaghetti
Bernard	
Charlotte	

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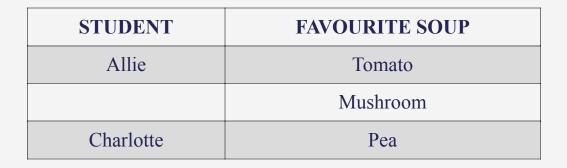
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STUDENT	FAVOURITE SOUP
Allie	Tomato
Allie	Mushroom
Charlotte	Pea

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price\_table

ID	BRAND	COMPANY	RATING_NUM	RATING
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102	Bounty	Mars	2	Ва

chocolate\_table

SUPERMARKET	PRICE	COUNTRY
Coop	1.70	UK
Tesco	1.60	UK
Sainsburys	1.60	UK
Walmart	1.30	USA
Tesco	1.20	UK
Sainsburys	1.10	UK

price\_table

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chocolate\_table

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101	Coop	1.70	UK
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SUPERMARKET	COUNTRY
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Walmart	USA

supermarket\_table

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chocolate\_table

Transitive dependencies occur when a field can be inferred from another field that not the primary key

### Third Normal Form

There are no transitive dependencies

ID	BRAND	COMPANY	RATING_NUM
101	Aero	Nestle	10
102	Bounty	Mars	2

chocolate\_table

### Third Normal Form

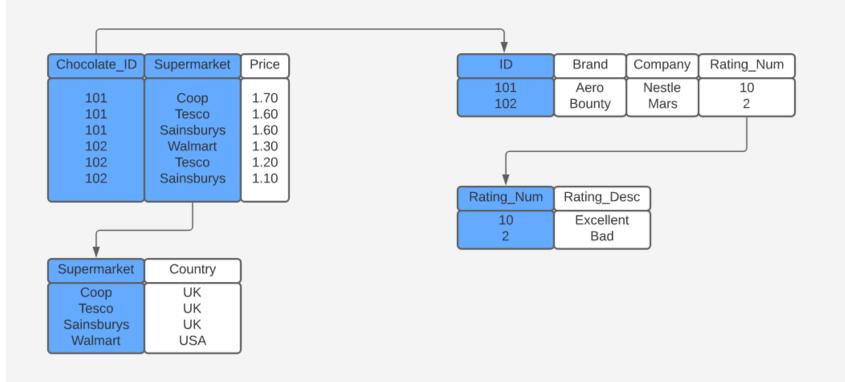
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RATING_NUM	RATING_DESC
10	Excellent
2	Bad

rating\_table

#### Third Normal Form

Compliant with 2NF



# Partial vs Transitive Dependency

Partial dependency occurs when a table has a composite key and a field is dependent on one part of it

ITEM_ID	VENDOR	PRICE	CITY
01	Tesco	1.70	London

City partially dependent on composite key

Transitive Dependency occurs when a field can be inferred from another field that is **not the primary key** 

COUNTY	POPULATION	CATEGORY
Essex	1432000	large

Category can be inferred from population

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You most likely will never need to design a full on database - that's a very specific career progression. However, understanding the principles that went into the design of the databases you work with will help your understanding of them.

### **Activity**

Convert this table step by step so it is in Third Normal Form

Also discuss:

What are the main benefits of Data Normalisation?

How does querying change because of First Normal Form?

TRANSACTION_TABLE	PRODUCT_TABLE	STORE_TABLE	COUNTY_TABLE
id	item_no	store_id	county
date	item_description	store	population
item_no	case_cost	store_address	
store_id	proof	county	





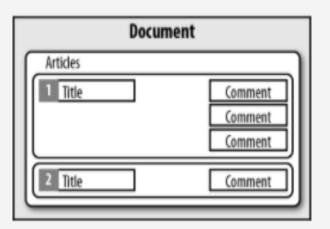
NoSQL ("Not only SQL") is an alternative to traditional relational databases that can accomodate a wide variety of data models.

#### Document Orientated Database

A common NoSQL database where all instances of an object is stored in one document as opposed to spread across multiple tables. To access the data you reference the internal structure

Documents are organsied into collections (similar to RDBMS tables)

E.g. XML, JSON



#### **JSON**

```
contact {
    "firstname":"Bob",
    "lastname":"Smith",
    "address":"5 Oak St",
    "number":"07464998651"
}
```

#### XML

```
<contact>
  <firstname>Bob</firstname>
  <lastname>Smith</lastname>
  <address>5 Oak St</address>
  <number>07464998651</number>
  </contact>
```



The simplest type of NoSQL database, where data (structured or unstructured) is mapped to a key and stored in one location.

Data is extracted by referencing the key

Wrapping several keys in a JSON format creates a document

Key	Value
K1	AAA,BBB,CCC
K2	AAA,BBB
КЗ	AAA,DDD
K4	AAA,2,01/01/2015
K5	3,ZZZ,5623

#### Columnar Database

Data is stored in columns instead of rows. SQL can be used to extract data quickly as it will go down the columns for information instead of scanning each row.

A column orientated database applies the row key to each item in a column, allowing it to precisely retrieve information from a select group of columns.

#### Row-oriented (1)

	name	age	sex	zipcode
1	thomas	18	male	1416
2	martin	33	male	1645
3	bob	25	male	1613

#### Column-oriented (2)

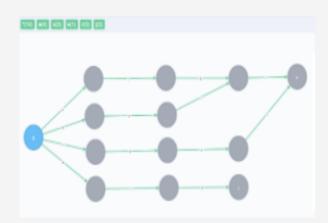
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## Graph Database

Information is stored in nodes with the edges representing the relationships between them.

Each node is a datapoint (e.g. a customer, product, group, etc) and edges define the relationships (e.g. person (node1) is a member of this group (node2).

Querying is fast as relationships between nodes have already been defined.

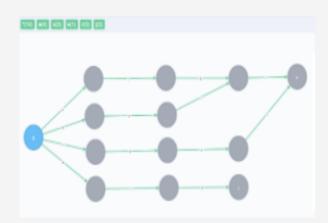


# Graph Database

A node can contain any type of data (structured or unstructured) including tables

As these types of databases do not use indexing, data retrieval is fast as the query follows the edges to obtain the connected information

Facebook is an example of this where a user (node) is connected to other users and groups by edges



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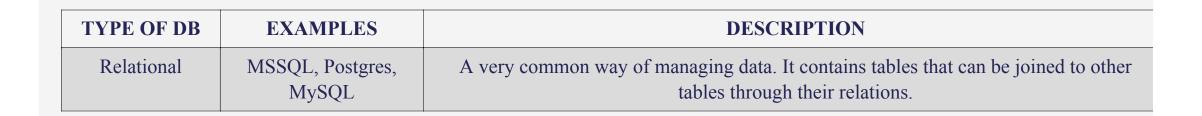
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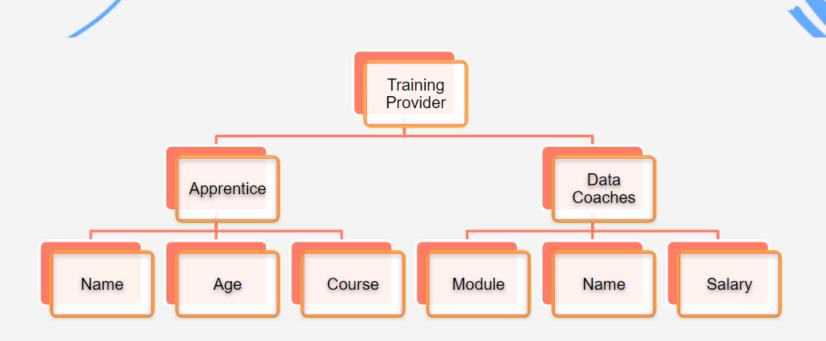
Size and Scale - No defined limits allows them to scale according to the resources available

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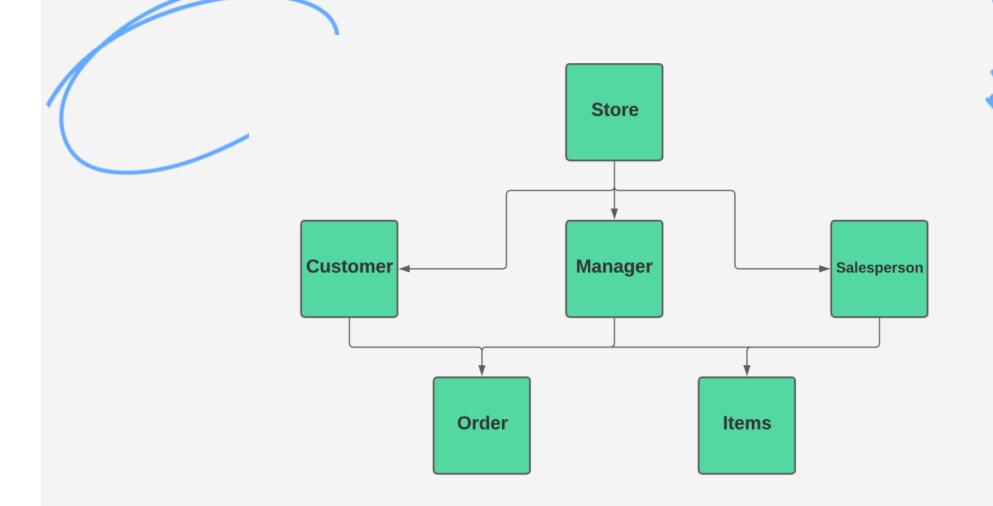
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TYPE OF DB	EXAMPLES	DESCRIPTION
Hierarchical	IBM Information Management System (IMS), Windows Registry	Data is stored in a parent-children relationship nodes, in a tree like structure. The data is stored as a collection of fields where each field contains only one value. The records are linked to each other via a parent-children relationship. In a hierarchical database model, each child record has only one parent. A parent can have multiple children. To retrieve a field's data, we need to traverse through each tree until the record is found.

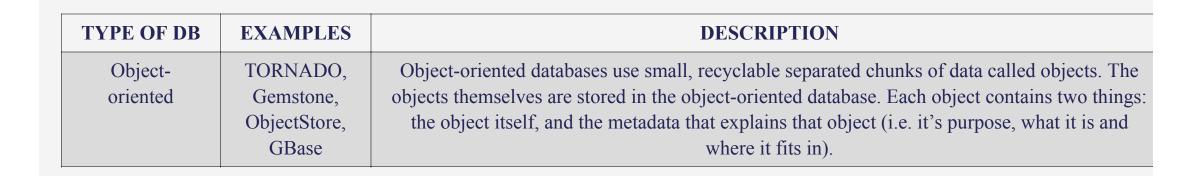


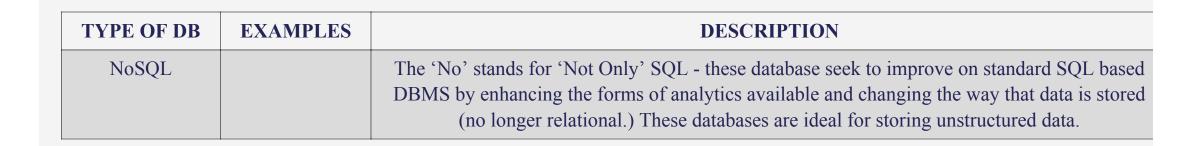
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Network	Data Store (IDS), IDMS (Integrated Database Management System), Raima Database Manager, TurboIMAGE	Network database management systems (Network DBMSs) use a network structure to create relationship between entities. Network databases are mainly used on large digital computers. Network databases are hierarchical databases but unlike hierarchical databases where one node can have one parent only, a network node can have relationship with multiple entities. A network database looks more like a cobweb or interconnected network of records.



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Multidimensional	Microsoft Analysis Services, Hyperion Essbase, Cognos PowerCube	Multi-dimensional databases (MDBs) use the concept of a data cube (or hypercube) to represent the dimensions of data available to users (though physically they are stored as compressed multidimensional arrays with offset positioning). An MDB with three dimensions looks like a cube, whilst an MDB with four or more dimensions is called a hypercube, and becomes more difficult to visualise. They are designed to assist with decision support systems, and to optimise online analytical processing (OLAP) and data warehouse applications.









# Learning Objectives

- Explain the concepts and uses of a relational database management system
- Identify the different types of key in a RDBMS
- Understand the principles of **normalisation** on a relational database



#### **ASSIGNMENT**

#### **DATABASE DESIGN**

Use a work-related dataset to design your own relational database. You should describe the dataset, follow the normalisation steps and create an Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD).

	Word Count	Max 1500 words
	Deadline	3 weeks
	Deliverables	Word Document, PowerPoint, Excel File, PDF, Lucid Chart



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