





# Database Fundamentals

Session 1



# Session Outline

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

# 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.**

# A Database is ...

- 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**



Efficiency

Redundancy

Update Issues

Deletion

Standardisation

Increased speed and storage



Efficiency  
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Update Issues  
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Less redundant and duplicated  
data



Efficiency  
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Fewer problems updating data



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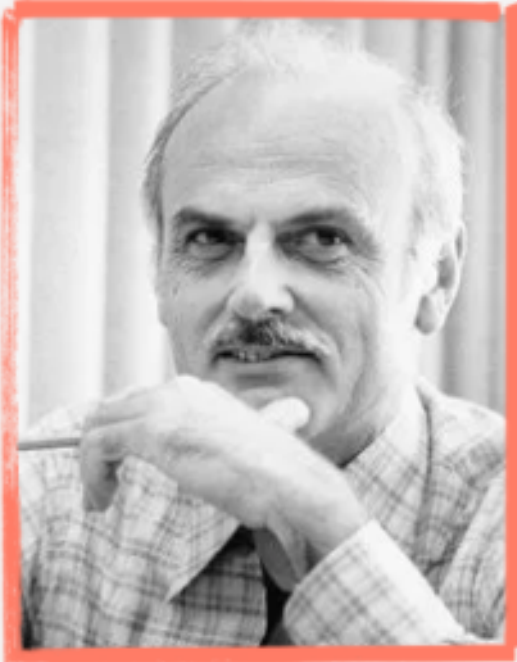
Less chance of deleting  
important data





Efficiency  
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Design follows consistent  
principles



# The Relational Model

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

Employee

DPT_ID	DPT_NAME
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20	HR
30	Operations

Department

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

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# The Relational Model

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

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**NULL:** the absence of a value

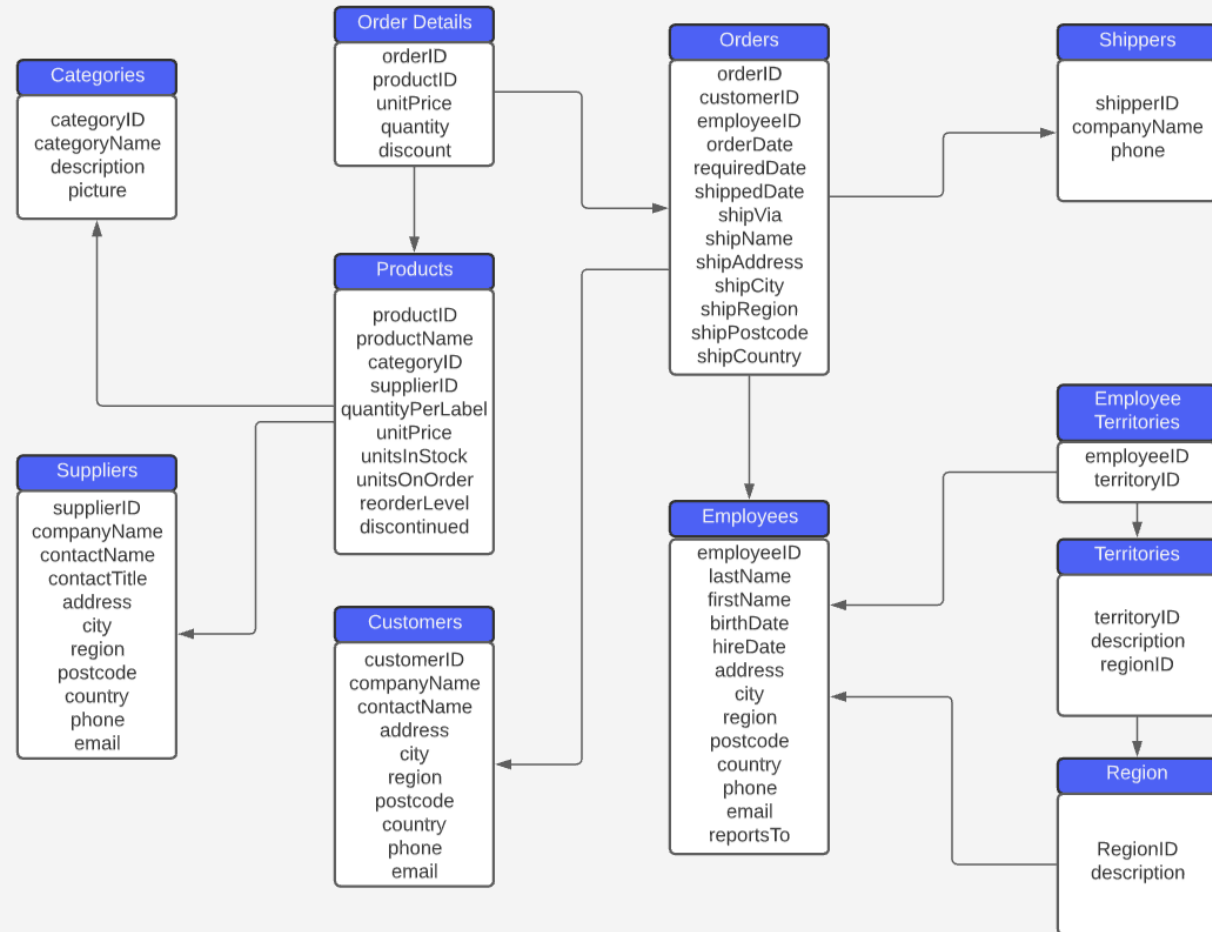
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SHIPPERID	COMPANYNAME	PHONE
234	BigShippers	01302858888
235	DeliverForce	01302823444
236	ShipUK	01709282327
237	WeShip	01302339188

shippers\_table

# The Alternative...



COACH ID	COACH NAME	NO. COHORTS	ASSISTANT	APPRENTICE	COHORT	AGE	LINE
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	Henn



## Difficult to insert new data

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Cannot modify existing data

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Cannot delete information

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Keys



# Primary Key

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

apprentice\_table

COACH_ID	NAME	ASSISTANT
1	Steph	Ashray
2	Ben	Ashray

coach\_table

# Composite Key

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
<div>coach_id</div> <div>coach_name</div> <div>no_cohorts</div> <div>apprenticeship</div>	<div>apprenticeship</div> <div>TA</div>	<div>cohort_name</div> <div>coach_id</div>	<div>app_name</div> <div>age</div> <div>LM</div> <div>apprenticeship</div> <div>company_name</div> <div>cohort</div>

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# Normalisation

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



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or not deleted when it should (deleted anomaly)

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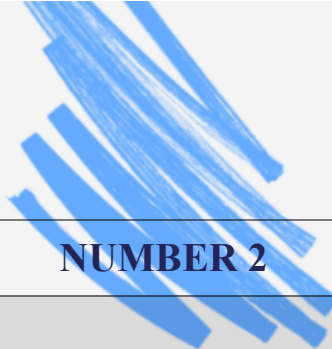
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STUDENT	NUMBER
Allie	07551502613
Bernard	07723871451, 07464998651
Charlotte	07818771127





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STUDENT	MISC
Allie	Spaghetti
Bernard	Toyota
Charlotte	Blue

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Allie	Spaghetti
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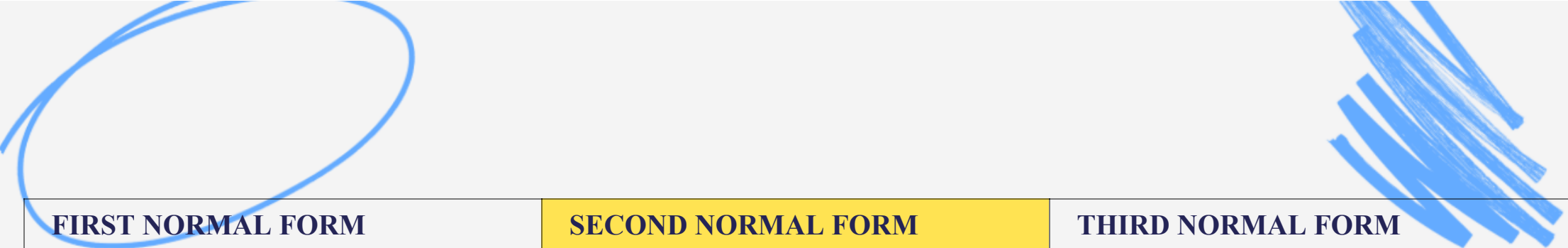
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Allie	Tomato
	Mushroom
Charlotte	Pea

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price\_table

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chocolate\_table

# Second Normal Form



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price\_table

**Partial dependencies occur when a table with a composite key has a field which is only dependent on part of it**

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101	Coop	1.70	UK
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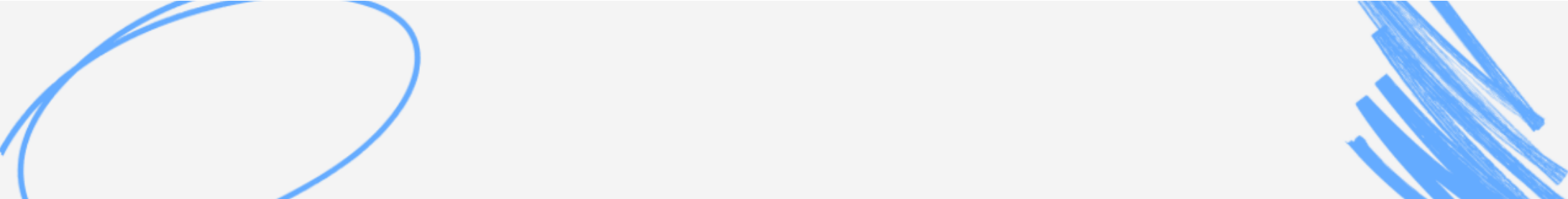
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Walmart	USA

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****

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101	Aero	Nestle	10
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chocolate\_table

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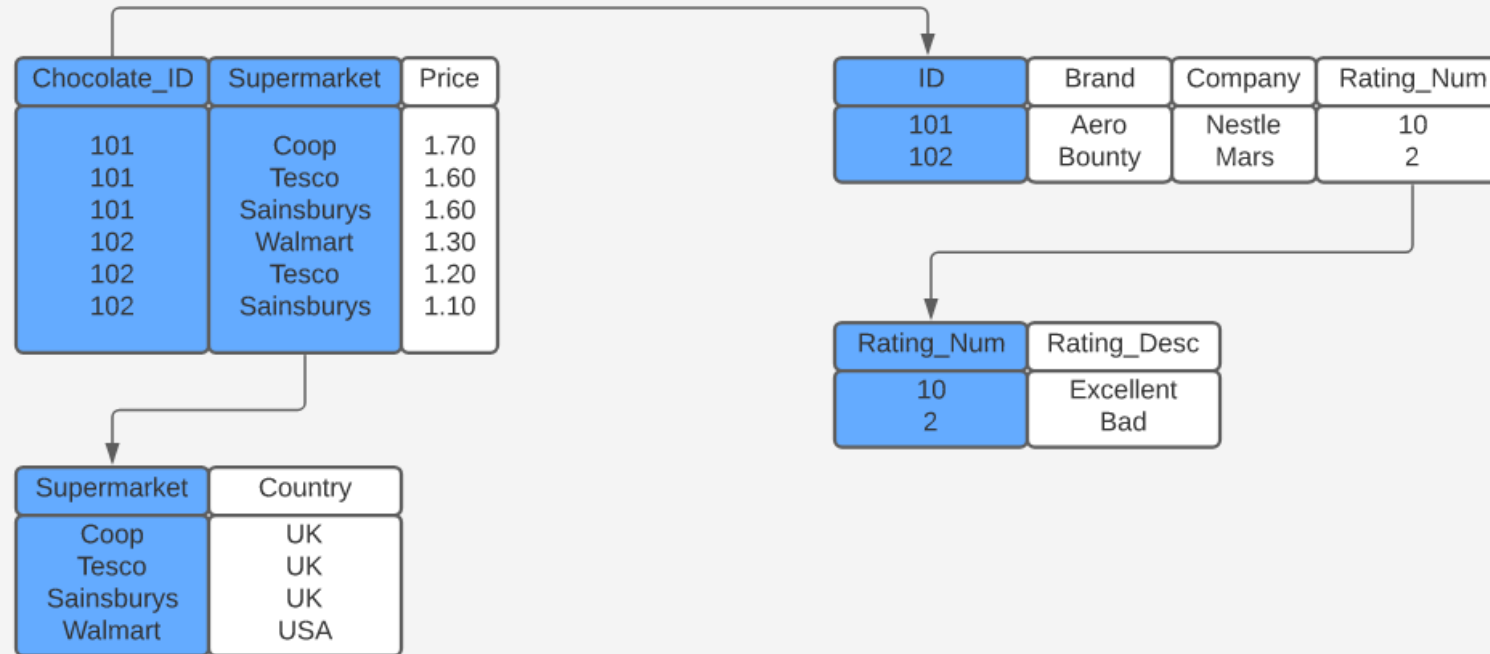
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RATING_NUM	RATING_DESC
10	Excellent
2	Bad

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 date item_no store_id	item_no item_description case_cost proof	store_id store store_address county	county population

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NoSQL

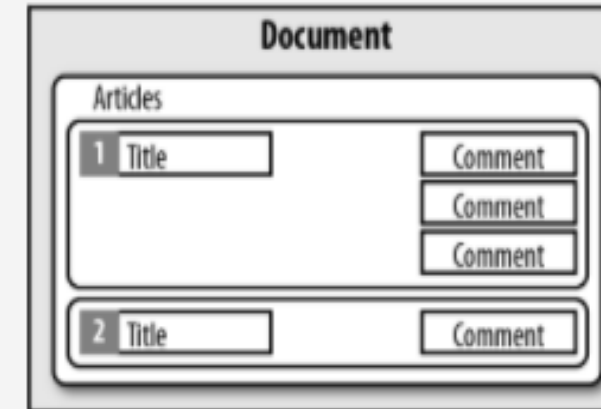
**NoSQL ("Not only SQL") is an alternative to traditional relational databases that can accomodate a wide variety of data models.**

# 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 organised 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>  
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```

# Key Value Database

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
K3	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)

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

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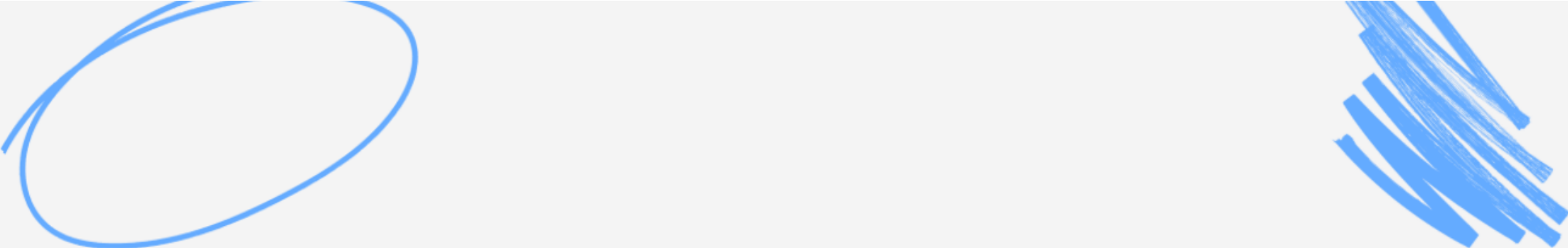
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**Size and Scale** - No defined limits allows them to scale according to the resources available

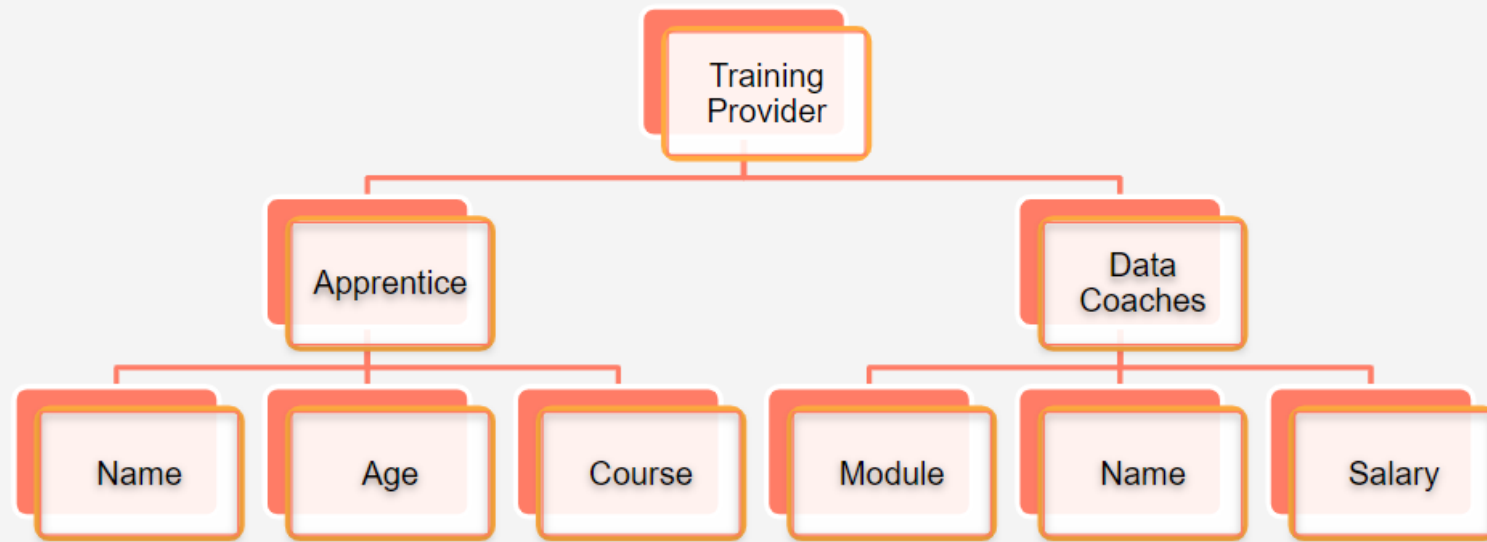
# Other Types of Database

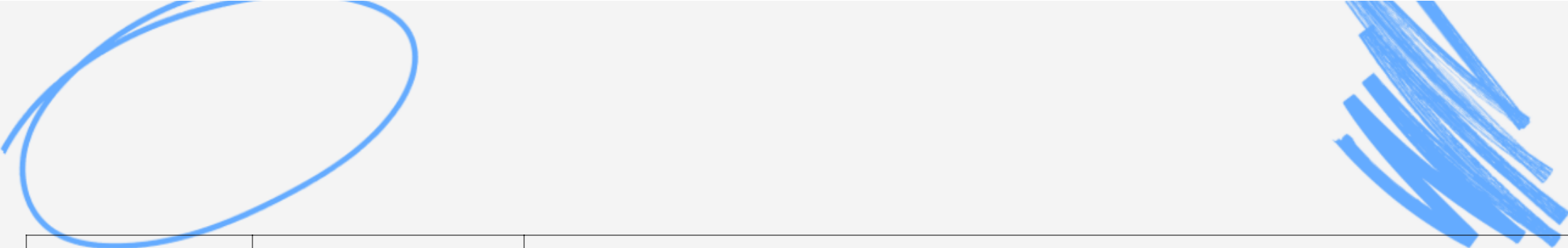


TYPE OF DB	EXAMPLES	DESCRIPTION
Relational	MSSQL, Postgres, mySQL	A very common way of managing data. It contains tables that can be joined to other tables through their relations.

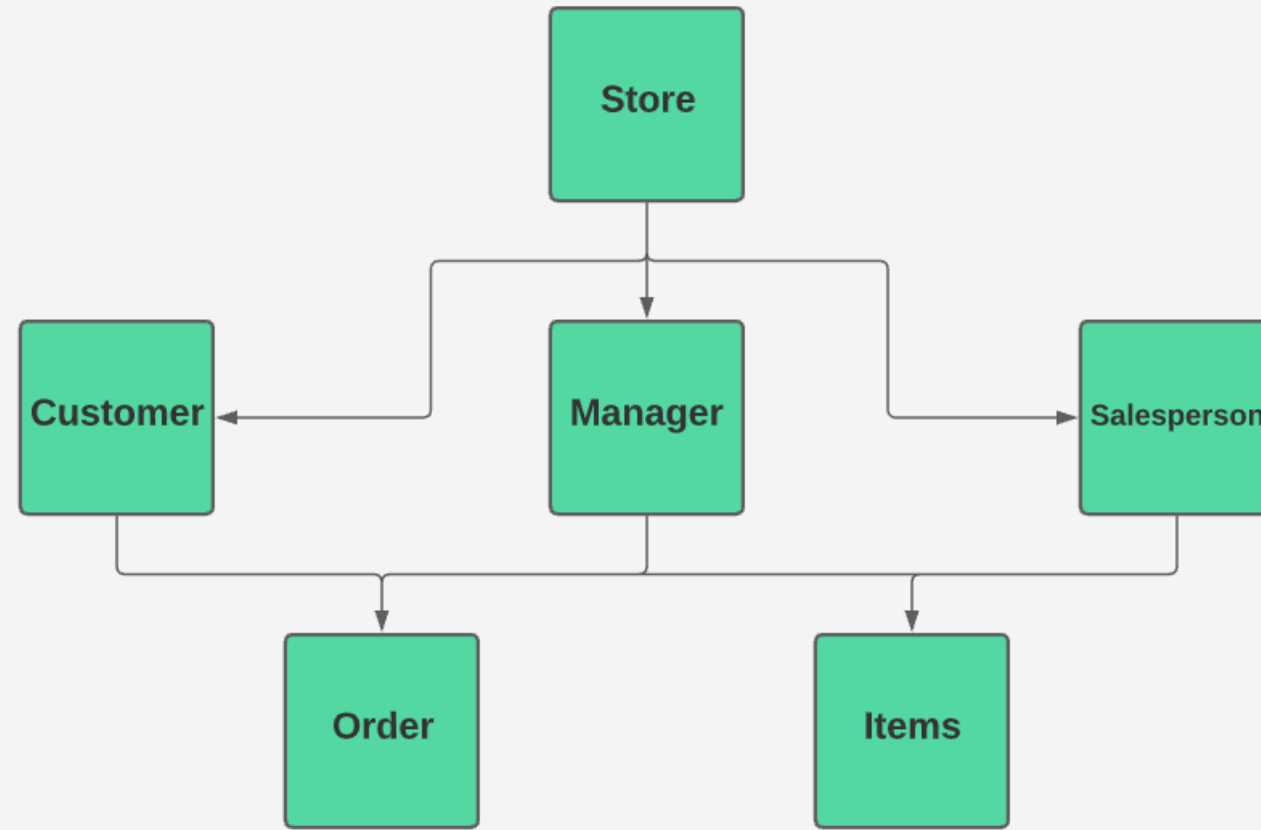


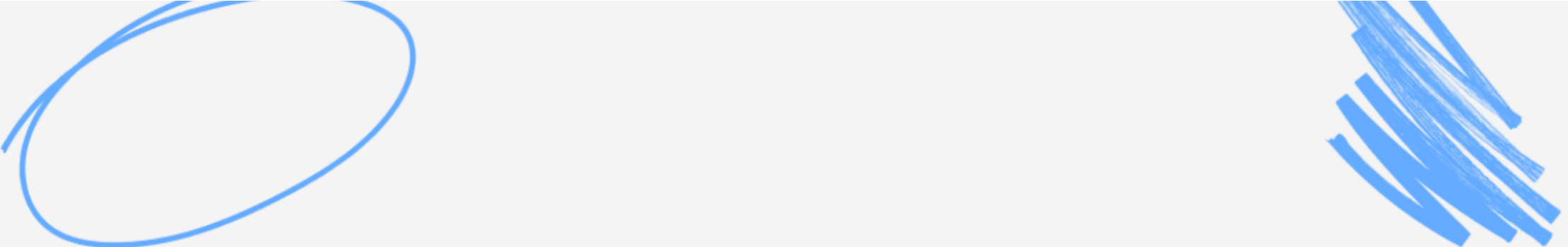
TYPE OF DB	EXAMPLES	DESCRIPTION
Hierarchical	IBM Information Management System (IMS), Windows Registry	Data is stored in a parent-children relationship nodes, in a tree like structure. The data is stored as a collection of fields where each field contains only one value. The records are linked to each 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.





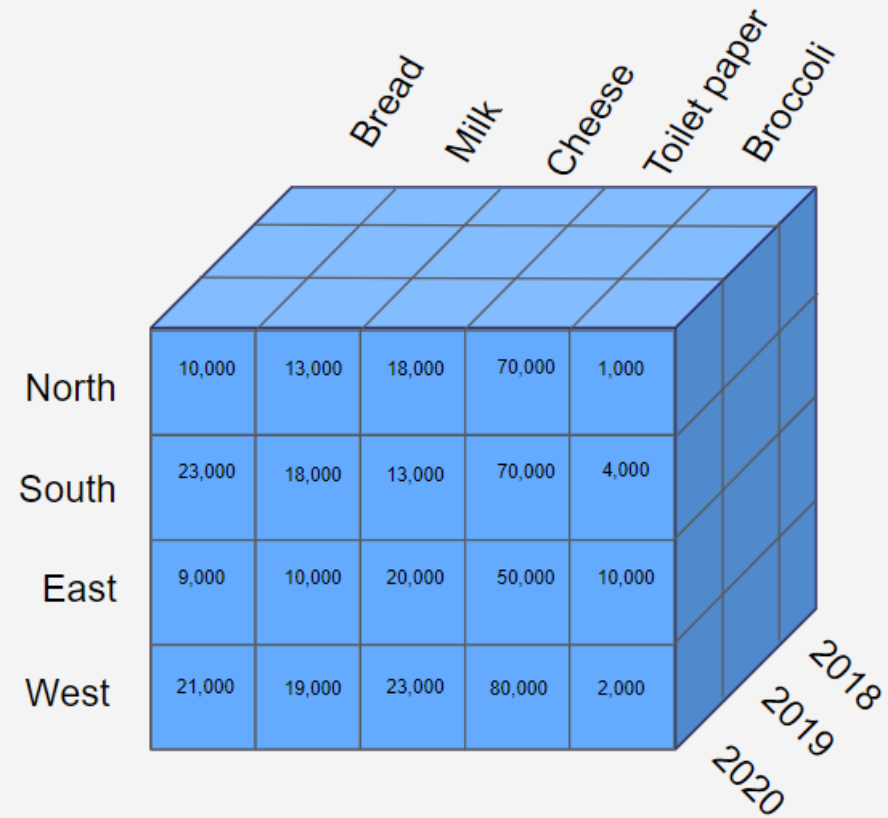
TYPE OF DB	EXAMPLES	DESCRIPTION
Network	Data Store (IDS), IDMS (Integrated Database Management System), Raima Database Manager, TurboIMAGE	Network database management systems (Network DBMSs) use a network structure to create relationship between entities. Network databases are mainly used on large digital 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.



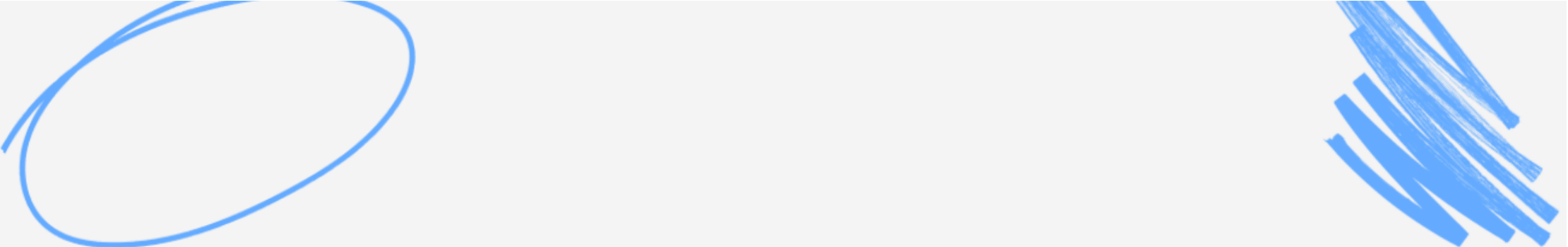


TYPE OF DB	EXAMPLES	DESCRIPTION
Multidimensional	Microsoft Analysis Services, Hyperion Essbase, Cognos PowerCube	Multi-dimensional databases (MDBs) use the concept of a data cube (or hypercube) to represent the dimensions of data available to users (though physically they are stored as compressed multidimensional 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.

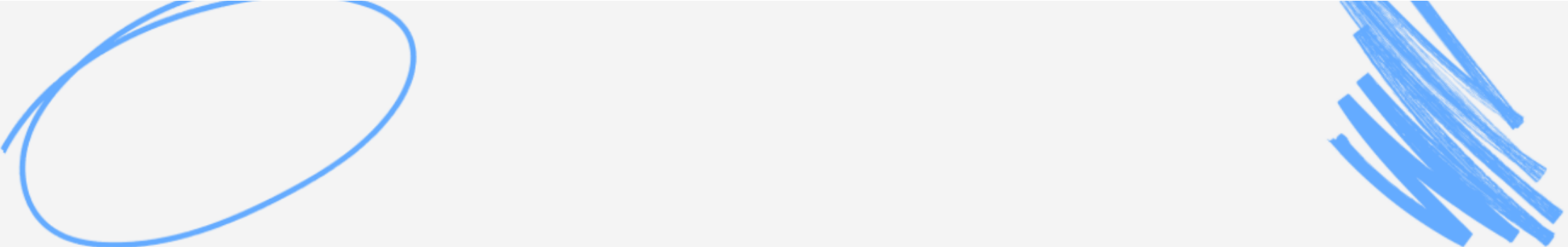




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East	9,000	10,000	20,000	50,000	10,000
West	21,000	19,000	23,000	80,000	2,000
	2018	2019	2020		



TYPE OF DB	EXAMPLES	DESCRIPTION
Object-oriented	TORNADO, Gemstone, ObjectStore, GBase	Object-oriented databases use small, recyclable separated chunks of data called objects. The objects themselves are stored in the object-oriented database. Each object contains two things: the object itself, and the metadata that explains that object (i.e. it's purpose, what it is and where it fits in).



TYPE OF DB	EXAMPLES	DESCRIPTION
NoSQL		The 'No' stands for 'Not Only' SQL - these database seek to improve on standard SQL based DBMS by enhancing the forms of analytics available and changing the way that data is stored (no longer relational.) These databases are ideal for storing unstructured data.

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# 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



## 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). You can run a Kahoot! quiz if you want.

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

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