Introduction to SQL



Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Explain database and its types
- Differentiate between DBMS and RDBMS systems
- Analyze the applications of SQL
- List the different features of Table and Views



What Is Data?

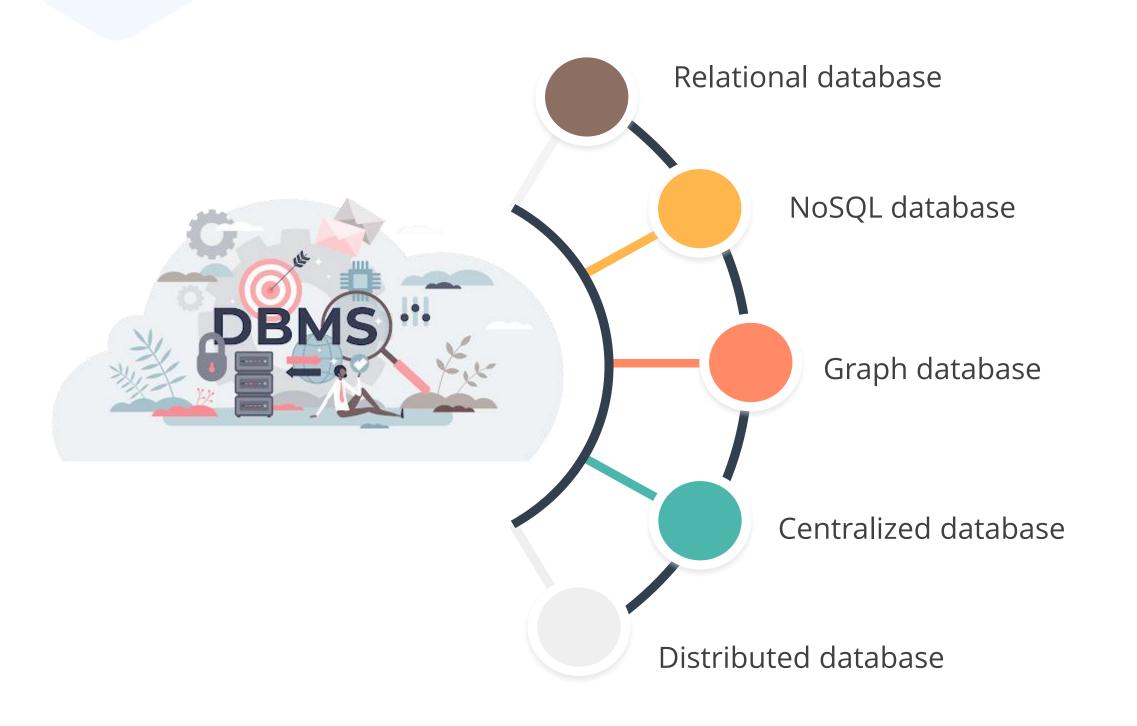
- Data is described as facts, numbers, or other forms of information that are generally structured in a specific way and stored for a particular purpose.
- Data can be in several forms, including numbers, text, and bits or bytes.



What Is a Database?

- A database is a structured collection of data that is generally stored in a computer so that it can be accessed, managed, and updated easily.
- Databases are often created using formal design and modeling approaches, and they are typically managed using a Database Management System (DBMS).
- The data, DBMS, and associated applications are referred to as a database system or database.

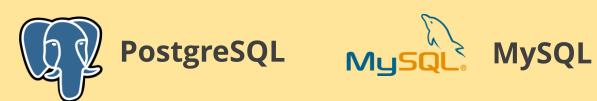
Types of Databases



Relational Database

- A relational database is a collection of data objects that are linked together by predefined relationships.
- A relational database's data is structured into tables, where the rows are records with a unique ID in each row called the key.
- Also, the columns are data attributes, with each record generally having a value for each attribute, making it easier to establish relationships among data points.
- Examples of relational databases:







NoSQL Database

- NoSQL databases are nontabular databases that store data in JSON documents instead of relational tables.
- They are classified into several categories based on their data model, such as document, key-value, wide-column, and graph databases.
- NoSQL databases are designed to be flexible, scalable, and capable of responding rapidly to the data management requirements of modern businesses.
- Examples of NoSQL databases:







Graph Database

- The graph database (GDB) is a database that uses graph structures to describe and store data for semantic queries with nodes, edges, and attributes.
- An edge contains a start node, an end node, a type, and a direction, and it may also be used to describe parent-child relationships, actions, and ownership.
- Examples of graph databases:







Centralized Database

- A centralized database is stored, located, changed, and maintained in a single location, such as a mainframe computer.
- It is frequently accessed via an internet connection, such as a LAN or WAN.
- Examples of centralized databases:







Distributed Database

- A distributed database (DDB) is a unified collection of several linked databases that are physically dispersed across multiple locations in a computer network.
- In order to form a distributed database system (DDBS), the files must be structured, logically interconnected, and physically distributed over several sites.
- Examples of distributed databases:

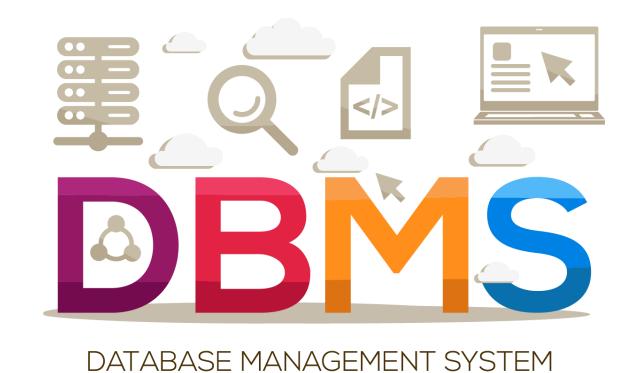






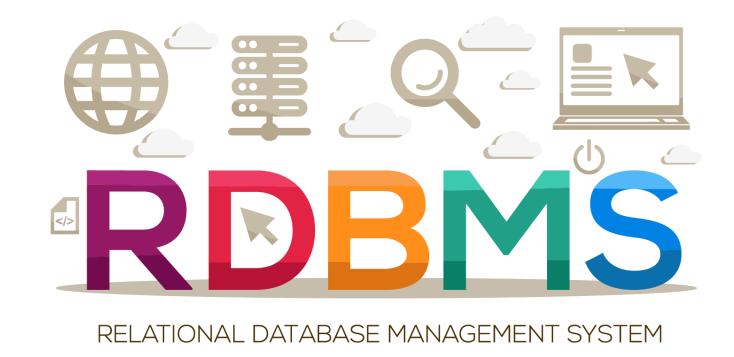
Database Management System (DBMS)

- A database management system (DBMS) is a software that stores and retrieves data for users while taking necessary security precautions.
- It comprises a set of applications that manipulates the database.
- The DBMS acts as an interface between the data and software, allowing users and third-party applications to store and retrieve data.



Relational Database Management System (RDBMS)

- A relational database management system (RDBMS) is an advanced version of a database management system (DBMS).
- RDBMS is the most popular DBMS in the market.
- Few examples of RDBMS are MySQL, Oracle, and Microsoft SQL Server.



DBMS vs. RDBMS

DBMS

- It stores data as a file.
- It only supports a single user.
- It stores data that is not related to each other.
- Data fetching is slower for complex and large volumes of data.

RDBMS

- It stores data in the form of tables.
- It supports multiple users.
- Data stored in tables is related via foreign keys.
- Data fetching is rapid because of the relational approach.

DBMS vs. RDBMS

DBMS

- It does not support normalization.
- It has no security.
- Examples: File System, XML, MS Access, and Windows Registry

RDBMS

- It supports normalization.
- It has multiple levels of security.
- Examples: MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle, and SQL Server

Structured Query Language (SQL)



- SQL stands for Structured Query Language.
- SQL is the standard language used to operate, manage, and access databases.
- SQL is the standard language for managing a relational database management system, such as MySQL.

Applications of SQL

Is the most widely used query language

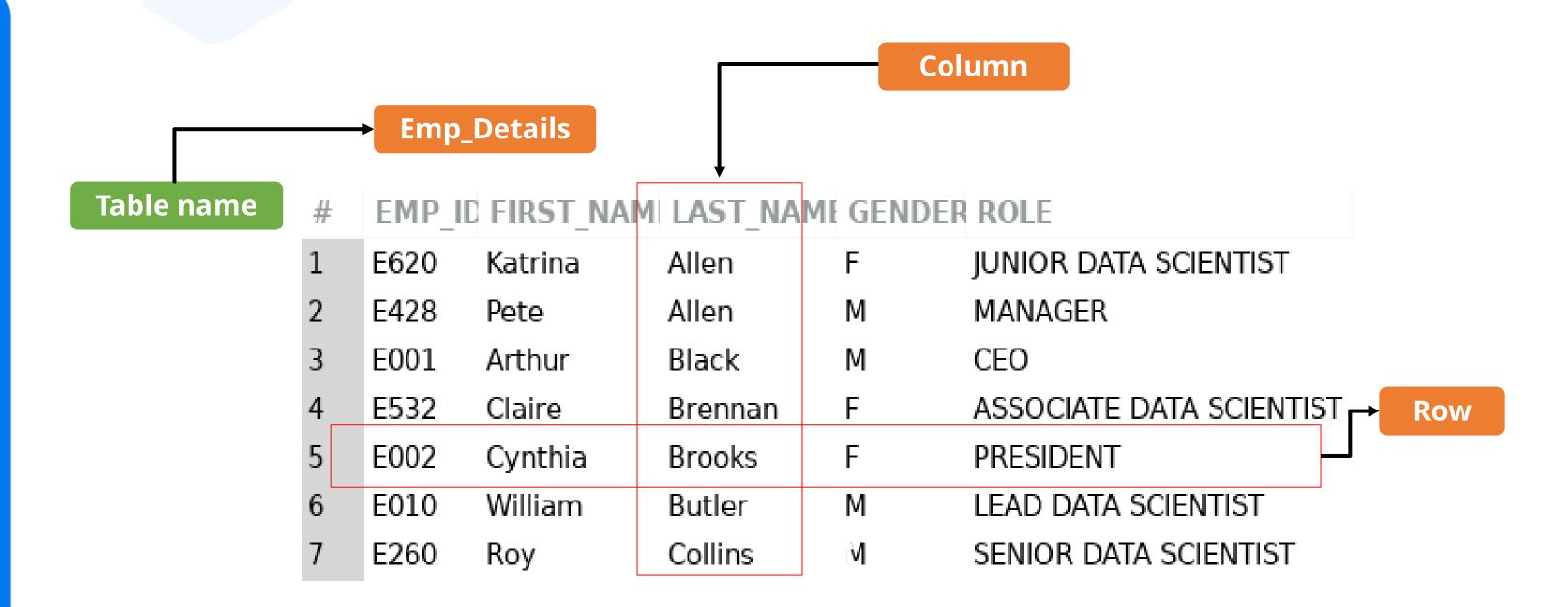


Supports custom features

Enables access to data in RDBMS

Supports multiple programming languages

Tables in MySQL

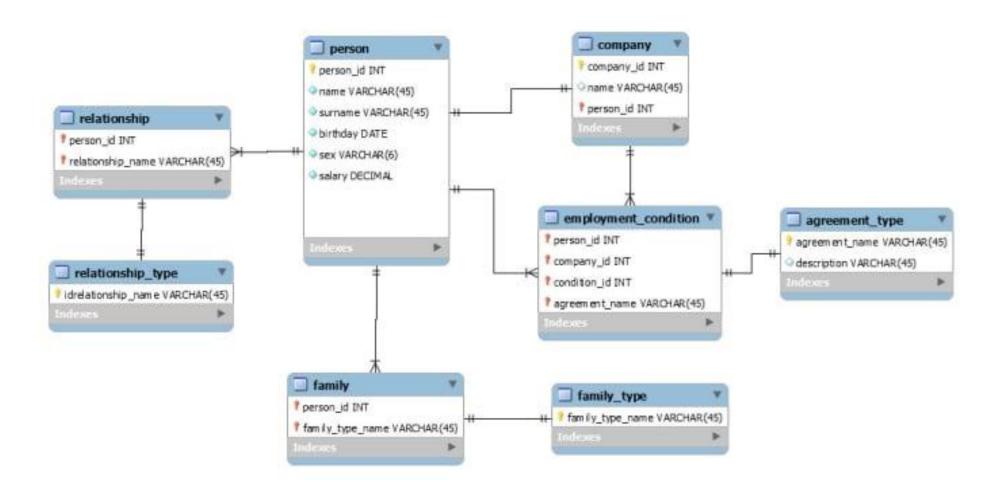


Tables in MySQL

- Tables are database objects with unique names which consist of a collection of data stored in a database.
- Each table includes data points of an object which are logically structured in a row and column format.
- A table can have any number of rows, but it must have a certain number of columns.
- In relational databases, a table is referred to as a relation and a row as a tuple

Relationships in MySQL

Description: The database contains person records (since 1900). Each person can have a mother and/or father. Women can have one husband, and men can have one wife. Persons work in companies, which contain a name and one chairman. One person can work for one or more companies, mandatory contract, or an employment contract.



Relationships in MySQL

- A relationship is a condition that exists between two tables in a database when data from one table reflects data from another table.
- Relationships enable relational databases to divide and store data in many tables while connecting dissimilar data components.
- It connects or relates data from various tables.
- Two tables are required to form a table relationship at the same time, one of which is called the primary or parent table and the other the related or child table.

Views in MySQL

Table containing the names of shop owners with their BusinessEntityID:

	BusinessEntityID	Name	ContactType	Title	FirstName	MiddleName	LastName
1	102	Next-Door Bike Store	Owner	Mr.	Gustavo	NULL	Abel
2	121	Professional Sales and Services	Owner	Ms.	Kim	D	Achong
3	132	Riders Company	Owner	Ms.	Pilar	NULL	Smith
4	112	The Bike Mechanics	Owner	Sr.	Humberto	NULL	Adams
5	191	Nationwide Supply	Owner	Sra.	Tim	NULL	Akers
6	166	Area Bike Accessories	Owner	Ms.	David	K	Maxwell
7	169	Great Bikes	Owner	Ms.	Glen	J	Prince
8	144	Fun Toys and Bikes	Owner	Ms.	Steven	S	Ackerman
9	176	Calmps& Bracket Co.	Owner	Mr.	Carla	NULL	David
10	188	KK Bikes	Owner	Mr.	Mitchel	NULL	Starc

Views in MySQL

- Views are virtual tables in SQL that are built by choosing fields from one or more tables present in the database.
- A *view* may contain database tables from single or multiple databases.
- Views do not contain any data and do not exist physically in the database.
- A view is a collection of preset SQL queries that are used to retrieve data from the database.
- A *view* can represent all the data in a table or only specific rows based on certain criteria.

Table vs. View

Table

- Tables are database objects that comprise a collection of data stored in a database.
- Tables contains data and exist physically in the database.
- A table is an independent data object.

View

- Views are virtual tables in SQL that are built by choosing fields from one or more tables present in the database.
- Views do not contain any data and do not exist physically in the database.
- A view depends on tables.

Key Takeaways

- A database is a structured collection of data that is managed using a database management system (DBMS).
- DBMS allows third-party applications to store and retrieve data.
- O SQL is used to operate, manage, and access databases.
- MySQL is the most popular open-source RDBMS used for developing dynamic and robust web applications.
- Tables are collections of data that exist physically in a database, whereas views are virtual tables that do not include any data and do not exist physically in the database.

