#### **Data Normalization**

#### Introduction to Data Management

- Some definitions to get started and for future reference
  - Note: terminology varies across texts, platforms and applications concept is the same
- Database basics

#### Database Design

- Use database specifications/real-world models to identify tables, columns and keys for a database
- (E)ER diagrams, translating ER diagrams to relational DB schema

#### Data Normalization

- Rules of data normalization
- Steps for normalizing database schema
- Concepts of "tidy" data, transforming raw data to processed data

## **Data Normalization**

#### The first three normal forms

Normal form	Description
First (1NF)	The value stored at the intersection of each row and column must be a scalar value, and a table must not contain any repeating columns.
Second (2NF)	Every non-key column must depend on the entire primary key.
Third (3NF)	Every non-key column must depend only on the primary key.

## **Data Normalization**

#### The next four normal forms

Normal form	Description
Boyce-Codd (BCNF)	A non-key column can't be dependent on another non-key column.
Fourth (4NF)	A table must not have more than one <i>multivalued dependency</i> , where the primary key has a one-to-many relationship to non-key columns.
Fifth (5NF)	The data structure is split into smaller and smaller tables until all redundancy has been eliminated.
Domain-key (DKNF) or	Every constraint on the relationship is dependent only on key constraints
Sixth (6NF)	and domain constraints, where a <i>domain</i> is the set of allowable values for a column.

### **Unnormalized Invoice Data**

Design with a column that contains multiple values

	vendor_name	invoice_number	item_description
٠	Cahners Publishing	112897	VB ad, SQL ad, Library directory
	Zylka Design	97/522	Catalogs, SQL Flyer
	Zylka Design	97/533B	Card revision

Design with multiple, repeated columns

	vendor_name	invoice_number	item_description_1	item_description_2	item_description_3
•	Cahners Publishing	112897	VB ad	SQL ad	Library directory
	Zylka Design	97/552	Catalogs	SQL flyer	NULL
	Zylka Design	97/553B	Card revision	NULL	NULL

### Invoice Data in First Normal Form

	invoice_id	vendor_name	invoice_number	invoice_sequence	item_description
۲	1	Cahners Publishing	112897	1	VB ad
	1	Cahners Publishing	112897	2	SQL ad
	1	Cahners Publishing	112897	3	Library directory
	2	Zylka Design	97/522	1	Catalogs
	2	Zylka Design	97/522	2	SQL flyer
	3	Zylka Design	97/533B	1	Card revision

#### With primary key added

First (1NF)

The value stored at the intersection of each row and column must be a scalar value, and a table must not contain any repeating columns.

## Invoice Data in Second Normal Form

	invoice_id	vendor_name	invoice_number	invoice_sequence	item_description
۲	1	Cahners Publishing	112897	1	VB ad
	1	Cahners Publishing	112897	2	SQL ad
	1	Cahners Publishing	112897	3	Library directory
	2	Zylka Design	97/522	1	Catalogs
	2	Zylka Design	97/522	2	SQL flyer
	3	Zylka Design	97/5338	1	Card revision

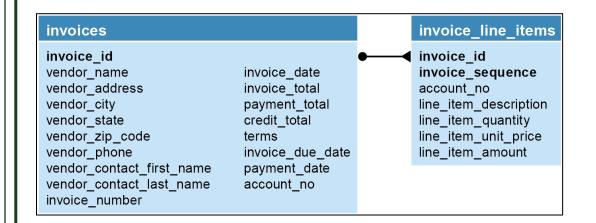
First (1NF):

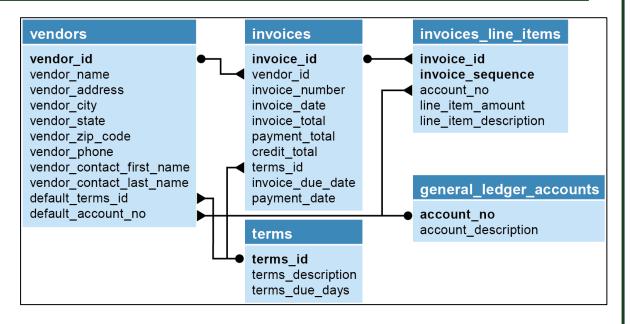
	invoice_number	vendor_name	invoice_id
<b>•</b>	112897	Cahners Publishing	1
	97/522	Zylka Design	2
	97/533B	Zylka Design	3

Second (2NF):

Every non-key column must depend on the entire primary key

# AP System





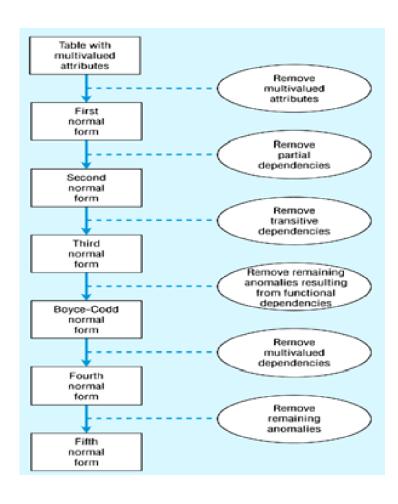
Second Normal Form

Third Normal Form

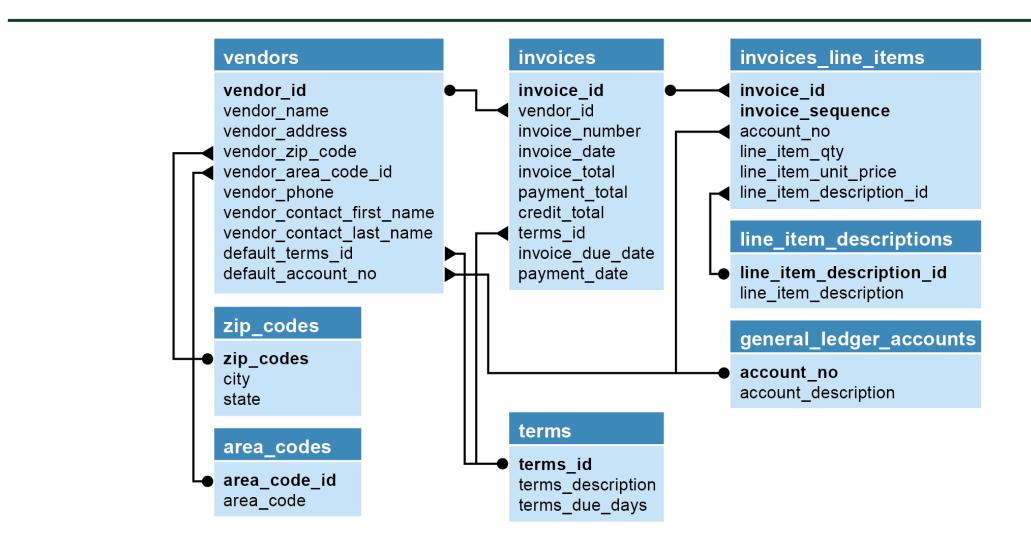
Third (3NF)

Every non-key column must depend only on the primary key.

# A Nice Data Normalization Summary



## AP System in Fifth Normal Form



## **Denormalizing Data**

- Benefits of well-normalized data
  - Minimize duplicate data
  - Efficiency in data maintenance/modification, minimize opportunities for data inconsistency
  - Simplify queries
- Possible situations to "denormalize"
  - A column from a joined table is used repeatedly in search criteria
  - A table is updated infrequently
  - Derived columns are used frequently in search conditions
  - More...use your judgement!
- "Normalize till it hurts, denormalize till it works"

Raw data file: Billboard Top 100

URL: <a href="https://raw.githubusercontent.com/hadley/tidy-data/master/data/billboard.csv">https://raw.githubusercontent.com/hadley/tidy-data/master/data/billboard.csv</a>

Raw data description: Weekly rank for songs on Billboard's Top 100 list.

Field	Description		
Year	Year		
Artist	Artist name (last, first)		
Track	Track name		
Time	Track time		
Genre	Track genre		
Date Entered	Date first appearing on Top 100		
Date Peaked	Date of peak on Top 100		
1 <sup>st</sup> week 76 <sup>th</sup> week	Rank on Top 100 in week 176		

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year	artist				date.entered							wk6		_			wk11	wk7	
225 2000	. Next	Wifey 4		ock	2000-05-27	2000-09-09		61	46	40	36	31	25	22	25	24	21	NA	NA
226 2000	Nine Days			ock	2000-05-06	2000-07-22	85	71	59	52	39	34	26	20	17	13	11	NA	NA
227 2000	Nine Days		-	ock	2000-12-02	2000-12-02	68	68	81		100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
228 2000	No Doubt	- P		ock	2000-07-01	2000-07-22	50	40	39	38	38	48	52	55	80	85	88	NA	NA
229 2000	Nu Flavor	3 Little Words 3	:54	R&B	2000-06-03	2000-06-17	97	97	89	89	94	90	99	97	98	NA	NA	NA	NA
230 2000	Offspring, The	Original Prankster 3	:42 R	.ock	2000-11-25	2000-12-09	74	71	70	70	77	78	91	89	92	NA	NA	NA	NA
231 2000	Paisley, Brad	Me Neither 3	:19 Coun	try	2000-05-13	2000-05-20	87	85	90	92	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
232 2000	Paisley, Brad	We Danced 3	:45 Coun	try	2000-10-14	2000-12-16	71	68	52	52	45	42	39	34	34	29	36	NA	NA
233 2000	Papa Roach	Last Resort 3	:19 R	ock	2000-07-29	2000-12-02	75	71	69	69	66	64	61	61	66	64	63	NA	NA
234 2000	Pearl Jam	Nothing As It Seems 5	:20 R	ock	2000-05-13	2000-05-13	49	70	84	89	93	91	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
235 2000	Pink	Most Girls 4	:06 R	ock	2000-08-12	2000-11-25	85	70	52	36	27	21	15	13	12	8	5	NA	NA
236 2000	Pink	There U Go 3	:23 R	ock	2000-03-04	2000-04-08	25	15	12	11	11	7	7	12	14	15	15	NA	NA
237 2000	Price, Kelly	As We Lay 6	:20 R	ock	2000-07-15	2000-08-05	82	69	69	64	71	79	82	89	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
238 2000	Price, Kelly	Love Sets You Free 3	:46 R	ock	2000-05-13	2000-05-20	92	91	98	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
239 2000	Price, Kelly	You Should've Told Me 3	:12 R	ock	2000-09-23	2000-12-02	91	91	91	87	86	79	79	75	70	68	64	NA	NA
240 2000	Profyle	Liar 3	:57	R&B	2000-09-16	2000-10-28	52	32	25	17	16	16	14	19	24	33	35	NA	NA
241 2000	Puff Daddy	Best Friend 5	:33	Rap	2000-02-12	2000-02-19	65	59	62	79	99	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
242 2000	Q-Tip	Breathe And Stop 4	:06 R	ock	2000-01-22	2000-01-22	71	71	81	82	96	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
243 2000	R.E.M.	The Great Beyond 4	:10 R	ock	1999-12-25	2000-01-29	79	79	70	62	60	57	61	66	60	59	60	NA	NA
244 2000	Rascal Flatts	Prayin' For Daylight 3	:36 Coun	try	2000-05-06	2000-08-12	87	78	72	68	66	64	58	58	56	54	49	NA	NA
245 2000	Raye, Collin	Couldn't Last A Moment 3	:40 Coun	trý	2000-03-18	2000-06-24	91	85	75	73	67	63	63	63	56	49	48	NA	NA
246 2000	Red Hot Chili Peppers			ock	2000-07-29	2000-10-14	72	72	72	77	79	77	75	84	85	79	74	NA	NA
247 2000	Red Hot Chili Peppers			ock	2000-02-12	2000-05-27	80	72	65	52	51	49	40	37	32	29	29	NA	NA
248 2000	Rimes, LeAnn				1999-10-16	2000-01-01	71	52	51	51	51	48	41	37	29	26	26	NA	NA
249 2000		Can't Fight The Moonlight 3			2000-09-09	2000-09-16	82	71	79	83	96	99	78	78	83	79	77	NA	NA
250 2000	Rimes, LeAnn				2000-05-27	2000-08-12	77	68	67	63	59	59	59	53	51	50	13	NA	NA

```
track time genre date.entered date.peaked week rank
            artist
    year
3860 2000 Nine Days
                                 If I Am 4:18
                                                Rock
                                                       2000-12-02
                                                                    2000-12-02
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                                 If I Am 4:18
                                                       2000-12-02
                                                                    2000-12-02
3861 2000 Nine Days
                                                Rock
3862 2000 Nine Days
                                 If I Am 4:18
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                                                                    2000-12-02
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                                                Rock
3863 2000 Nine Days
                                 If I Am 4:18
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                                                Rock
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3864 2000 Nine Days
                                 If I Am 4:18
                                                                    2000-12-02
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                                                Rock
3865 2000
           No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
                                                       2000-07-01
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                                                Rock
           No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
                                                       2000-07-01
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3866 2000
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3867 2000
           No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
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3868 2000
           No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
                                                Rock
3869 2000
           No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
                                                Rock
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3870 2000
                                                       2000-07-01
           No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
                                                Rock
                                                                    2000-07-22
3871 2000
           No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
                                                Rock
                                                       2000-07-01
                                                                    2000-07-22
3872 2000
           No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
                                                       2000-07-01
                                                                    2000-07-22
                                                Rock
                                                                                       80
3873 2000
           No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
                                                       2000-07-01
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                                                Rock
3874 2000
           No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
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                                                                    2000-07-22
                                                Rock
           No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
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3875 2000
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3876 2000
           No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
                                                Rock
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3877 2000
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3878 2000 Nu Flavor
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                          3 Little Words 3:54
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3879 2000 Nu Flavor
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3880 2000 Nu Flavor
                          3 Little Words 3:54
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                          3 Little Words 3:54
3881 2000 Nu Flavor
                                                 R&B
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                                                                    2000-06-17
3882 2000 Nu Flavor
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                                                 R&B
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3883 2000 Nu Flavor
                          3 Little Words 3:54
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|3884 2000 Nu Flavor
                          3 Little Words 3:54
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                                                                    2000-06-17
3885 2000 Nu Flavor
                          3 Little Words 3:54
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                                                                    2000-06-17
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Repeating columns (wk1, wk2, ...wk76) transformed to rows with single "week" column

```
artist
                                     track time genre date.entered date.peaked week rank
songID year
    227 2000 Nine Days
                                    If I Am 4:18
                                                          2000-12-02
                                                                       2000-12-02
                                                   Rock
                                                                                          68
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    227 2000 Nine Days
                                    If I Am 4:18
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        2000 Nine Days
                                    If I Am 4:18
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                                                   Rock
        2000 Nine Days
                                    If I Am 4:18
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    228 2000
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    228 2000
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    228 2000
              No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
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    228 2000
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    228 2000
              No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
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                                                   Rock
                                                                                          48
    228 2000
              No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
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    228 2000
              No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
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    228 2000
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              No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
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                                                                       2000-07-22
    228 2000
              No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
                                                   Rock
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    228 2000
              No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
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    228 2000
              No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
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    228 2000
              No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
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                                                                       2000-07-22
              No Doubt Simple Kind Of Life 4:11
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        2000 Nu Flavor
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    229 2000 Nu Flavor
                             3 Little Words 3:54
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songID	artist	track	genre time
227	Nine Days	If I Am	Rock 4:18
228	No Doubt	Simple Kind Of Life	
229	Nu Flavor	3 Little Words	
230	Offspring, The	Original Prankster	
231	Paisley, Brad		Country 3:19
232	Paisley, Brad	We Danced	Country 3:45
233	Papa Roach	Last Resort	Rock 3:19

Move columns that do not depend on entire primary key to separate table

Now we have a "Songs" table and a "Weeks" table

Primary keys = ???, foreign keys = ???

```
songID date.entered date.peaked week rank
    227
          2000-12-02
                       2000-12-02
                                          68
    227
          2000-12-02
                       2000-12-02
                                          68
          2000-12-02
                                          81
                       2000-12-02
    227
          2000-12-02
                       2000-12-02
    227
          2000-12-02
                       2000-12-02
                                         100
                                          50
    228
          2000-07-01
                       2000-07-22
          2000-07-01
                       2000-07-22
    228
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    228
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    228
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    228
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                                         100
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                                     13
    228
          2000-07-01
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                                          98
    229
          2000-06-03
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    229
          2000-06-03
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          2000-06-03
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    229
          2000-06-03
                       2000-06-17
                                          94
    229
          2000-06-03
                       2000-06-17
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          2000-06-03
                       2000-06-17
    229
          2000-06-03
                       2000-06-17
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songID	artist	track genre time
227	Nine Days	If I Am Rock 4:18
228	No Doubt	Simple Kind Of Life Rock 4:11
229	Nu Flavor	3 Little Words R&B 3:54
230	Offspring, The	Original Prankster Rock 3:42
231	Paisley, Brad	Me Neither Country 3:19
232	Paisley, Brad	We Danced Country 3:45
233	Papa Roach	Last Resort Rock 3:19

Clean up date/week handling so we have more easily usable fields

songID	date	week	rank
227	2000-12-02	1	68
227	2000-12-09	2	68
227	2000-12-16	3	81
227	2000-12-23	4	94
227	2000-12-30	5	100
228	2000-07-01	1	50
228	2000-07-08	2	40
	2000-07-15		39
228	2000-07-22	4	38
228	2000-07-29	5	38
	2000-08-05	6	48
228	2000-08-12	7	52
228	2000-08-19	8	55
228	2000-08-26	9	80
228	2000-09-02	10	85
228	2000-09-09	11	88
228	2000-09-16	12	100
228	2000-09-23	13	98
229	2000-06-03	1	97 07
229 229	2000-06-10	2	97 89
229	2000-06-17 2000-06-24	3 4	89
229	2000-00-24	5	94
229	2000-07-01	6	90
229	2000-07-08	7	99
229	2000-07-13	8	97
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## Some Queries of Billboard Music Data

```
use music;
                                                                                                                             top100rank songID
                                                                                                                                                        artist
2
                                                                                                                    2000-08-12 1
                                                                                                                                          Incomplete
                                                                                                                    2000-08-12 2
                                                                                                                                                        matchbox twenty
      -- recreate TOp 100 for given date
                                                                                                                    2000-08-12 3
                                                                                                                                          It's Gonna Be Me
                                                                                                                                                        N'Svnc
4
      SELECT date, top100rank, weeks.songID, track, artist
                                                                                                                    2000-08-12 4
                                                                                                                                          Jumpin' Jumpin'
                                                                                                                                                        Destiny's Child
                                                                                                                    2000-08-12 5
                                                                                                                                          Try Again
                                                                                                                                                        Aalivah
5
       FROM weeks
                                                                                                                                          I Wanna Know
                                                                                                                    2000-08-12 6
                                                                                                                    2000-08-12 7
                                                                                                                                          Everything You Want
                                                                                                                                                        Vertical Horizon
           JOIN songs ON weeks.songID = songs.songID
                                                                                                                    2000-08-12 8
                                                                                                                                                        Nine Days
7
      WHFRF date = "2000-08-12"
                                                                                                                    2000-08-12 9
                                                                                                                    2000-08-12 10
                                                                                                                                          Doesn't Really Matter
8
      ORDER BY top100rank;
                                                                                                                    2000-08-12 11
                                                                                                                                          I Need You
                                                                                                                                                        Rimes, LeAnn
9
                                                                                                                    2000-08-12 12
                                                                                                                                                        Ruff Endz
                                                                                                                    2000-08-12 13
                                                                                                                                          He Wasn't Man Enou...
                                                                                                                                                        Braxton, Toni
10
      -- find weeks of peak for given song
                                                                                                                    2000-08-12 14
                                                                                                                                          Let's Get Married
                                                                                                                                                        Jagged Edge
11
      SELECT date, weeks.songID, track, artist, top100rank AS "peak rank"
                                                                                                                    2000-08-12 15
                                                                                                                                          Back Here
                                                                                                                                                        BBMak
                                                                                                                                          There U Go
                                                                                                                                                        Pink
12
       FROM weeks
                                                                                                                    2000-08-12 17
                                                                                                                                          (Hot S**t) Country ...
13
           JOIN songs ON weeks.songID = songs.songID
                                                                                                                    2000-08-12 18
                                                                                                                                                        3 Doors Down
                                                                                                                                          Kryptonite
14
      WHERE weeks.songID = 228 AND
                top100rank = (SELECT MIN(top100rank) AS "peak rank" FROM weeks WHERE weeks.songID = 228)
16
      ORDER BY date;
17
18
      -- tracks on the list for more than 12 weeks
19
      SELECT date, weeks.songID, track, artist, MAX(week) AS "time on top100"
20
       FROM weeks
21
           JOIN songs ON weeks.songID = songs.songID
                                                                                                                                                         peak rank
                                                                                     date
                                                                                                                                           artist
                                                                                                       songID
                                                                                                                  track
22
      GROUP BY weeks.songID
23
      HAVING time on top100 > 12
                                                                                     2000-07-22
                                                                                                      228
                                                                                                                  Simple Kind Of Life
                                                                                                                                          No Doubt
24
      ORDER BY time on top100 DESC;
                                                                                                                 Simple Kind Of Life
                                                                                     2000-07-29
                                                                                                      228
                                                                                                                                         No Doubt
25
26
```

# Raw Data -> Data Ready for Analysis

#### What you should deliver to the statistician

To facilitate the most efficient and timely analysis this is the information you should pass to a statistician:

- 1. The raw data.
- 2. A tidy data set
- 3. A code book describing each variable and its values in the tidy data set.
- 4. An explicit and exact recipe you used to go from 1 -> 2,3

#### https://github.com/jtleek/datasharing

#### The tidy data set

The general principles of tidy data are laid out by Hadley Wickham in this paper and this video. While both the paper and the video describe tidy data using R, the principles are more generally applicable:

- 1. Each variable you measure should be in one column
- 2. Each different observation of that variable should be in a different row
- 3. There should be one table for each "kind" of variable
- 4. If you have multiple tables, they should include a column in the table that allows them to be joined or merged

# "Tidy" Data

#### 3. Tidying messy datasets

Real datasets can, and often do, violate the three precepts of tidy data in almost every way imaginable. While occasionally you do get a dataset that you can start analyzing immediately, this is the exception, not the rule. This section describes the five most common problems with messy datasets, along with their remedies:

- Column headers are values, not variable names.
- Multiple variables are stored in one column.
- Variables are stored in both rows and columns.
- Multiple types of observational units are stored in the same table.
- A single observational unit is stored in multiple tables.

### Values stored in column names

religion	<\$10k	\$10–20k	\$20–30k	\$30–40k	\$40–50k	\$50–75k
Agnostic	27	34	60	81	76	137
Atheist	12	27	37	52	35	70
Buddhist	27	21	30	34	33	58
Catholic	418	617	732	670	638	1116
Don't know/refused	15	14	15	11	10	35
Evangelical Prot	575	869	1064	982	881	1486
Hindu	1	9	7	9	11	34
Historically Black Prot	228	244	236	238	197	223
Jehovah's Witness	20	27	24	24	21	30
Jewish	19	19	25	25	30	95

Table 4: The first ten rows of data on income and religion from the Pew Forum. Three columns, \$75–100k, \$100–150k and >150k, have been omitted.

religion	income	freq
Agnostic	<\$10k	27
Agnostic	\$10-20k	34
Agnostic	\$20-30k	60
Agnostic	\$30-40k	81
Agnostic	\$40-50k	76
Agnostic	\$50-75k	137
Agnostic	\$75–100k	122
Agnostic	\$100–150k	109
Agnostic	> 150 k	84
Agnostic	Don't know/refused	96

Table 6: The first ten rows of the tidied Pew survey dataset on income and religion. The column has been renamed to income, and value to freq.

## Multiple variables stored in one column

country	year	m014	m1524	m2534	m3544	m4554	m5564	m65	mu	f014
AD	2000	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	_	
AE	2000	$^2$	4	4	6	5	12	10	_	3
$\mathbf{AF}$	2000	52	228	183	149	129	94	80	_	93
$\overline{AG}$	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	_	1
$\operatorname{AL}$	2000	$^2$	19	21	14	24	19	16	_	3
AM	2000	$^2$	152	130	131	63	26	21	_	1
AN	2000	0	0	1	$^2$	0	0	0	_	0
AO	2000	186	999	1003	912	482	312	194	_	247
AR	2000	97	278	594	402	419	368	330	_	121
AS	2000			_	_	1	1	_	_	

Table 9: Original TB dataset. Corresponding to each 'm' column for males, there is also an 'f' column for females, f1524, f2534 and so on. These are not shown to conserve space. Note the mixture of 0s and missing values (—). This is due to the data collection process and the distinction is important for this dataset.

country	year	column	cases	country	year	sex	age	cases
AD	2000	m014	0	AD	2000	m	0-14	0
AD	2000	m1524	0	AD	2000	$\mathbf{m}$	15 - 24	0
AD	2000	m2534	1	AD	2000	$\mathbf{m}$	25 - 34	1
AD	2000	m3544	0	AD	2000	$\mathbf{m}$	35 - 44	0
AD	2000	m4554	0	AD	2000	$\mathbf{m}$	45 - 54	0
AD	2000	m5564	0	AD	2000	$\mathbf{m}$	55 – 64	0
AD	2000	m65	0	AD	2000	$\mathbf{m}$	65 +	0
$\mathbf{AE}$	2000	m014	2	AE	2000	$\mathbf{m}$	0 - 14	<b>2</b>
AE	2000	m1524	4	AE	2000	$\mathbf{m}$	15 - 24	4
AE	2000	m2534	4	AE	2000	$\mathbf{m}$	25 - 34	4
AE	2000	m3544	6	AE	2000	$\mathbf{m}$	35 - 44	6
$\mathbf{AE}$	2000	m4554	5	AE	2000	$\mathbf{m}$	45 - 54	5
AE	2000	m5564	12	AE	2000	$\mathbf{m}$	55 – 64	12
AE	2000	m65	10	AE	2000	$\mathbf{m}$	65 +	10
AE	2000	f014	3	AE	2000	f	0-14	3
	(a) Molt	en data			(b) T	Γidy da	ıta	

Table 10: Tidying the TB dataset requires first melting, and then splitting the column into two variables: sex and age.

Column headers in this format are often separated by some character (., -, \_, :). While the string can be broken into pieces using that character as a divider, in other cases, such as for this dataset, more careful string processing is required. For example, the variable names can be matched to a lookup table that converts single compound value into multiple component values.

### Variables in both rows and columns

id	year	month	element	d1	d2	d3	d4	d5	d6	d7	d8
MX17004	2010	1	tmax	_			_			_	
MX17004	2010	1	$_{ m tmin}$				_			_	
MX17004	2010	2	tmax		27.3	24.1				_	_
MX17004	2010	2	tmin	_	14.4	14.4	_		_	_	_
MX17004	2010	3	tmax	_	_		_	32.1	_	_	_
MX17004	2010	3	$_{ m tmin}$	_			_	14.2	_	_	_
MX17004	2010	4	tmax	_			_		_	_	
MX17004	2010	4	$_{ m tmin}$		_	_	_	_		_	
MX17004	2010	5	tmax	_			_		_	_	
MX17004	2010	5	$_{ m tmin}$	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_

Table 11: Original weather dataset. There is a column for each possible day in the month. Columns d9 to d31 have been omitted to conserve space.

id	date	element	value	•	id	date
MX17004	2010-01-30	tmax	27.8		MX17004	2010-01-30
MX17004	2010-01-30	$_{ m tmin}$	14.5		MX17004	2010-02-02
MX17004	2010-02-02	$_{ m tmax}$	27.3		MX17004	2010-02-03
MX17004	2010-02-02	$_{ m tmin}$	14.4		MX17004	2010-02-11
MX17004	2010-02-03	$_{ m tmax}$	24.1		MX17004	2010-02-23
MX17004	2010-02-03	$_{ m tmin}$	14.4		MX17004	2010-03-05
MX17004	2010-02-11	$_{ m tmax}$	29.7		MX17004	2010-03-10
MX17004	2010-02-11	$_{ m tmin}$	13.4		MX17004	2010-03-16
MX17004	2010-02-23	$_{ m tmax}$	29.9		MX17004	2010-04-27
MX17004	2010-02-23	$_{ m tmin}$	10.7		MX17004	2010-05-27

(a) Molten data

(b) Tidy data

tmax tmin 27.8

27.3

24.1

29.7

29.9

32.1

34.5

31.1

36.3

33.2

14.5

14.4

14.4

13.4

10.7

14.2

16.8

17.6

16.7

18.2

Table 12: (a) Molten weather dataset. This is almost tidy, but instead of values, the element column contains names of variables. Missing values are dropped to conserve space. (b) Tidy weather dataset. Each row represents the meteorological measurements for a single day. There are two measured variables, minimum (tmin) and maximum (tmax) temperature; all other variables are fixed.

# Database Design Wrap-Up

- 1) Identify the data elements
  - 1) Look at real world model/documents
  - 2) Draft ER diagram from specification
  - 3) Etc...
- 2) Subdivide/group elements into entities with attributes
- 3) Identify relationships between entities
- 4) Normalize
- 5) Convert to relational schema (tables, columns, keys, indexes)