

GOING SCHEMA-LESS:

HOW TO MIGRATE

A RELATIONAL DATABASE

TO A NOSQL

DATABASE



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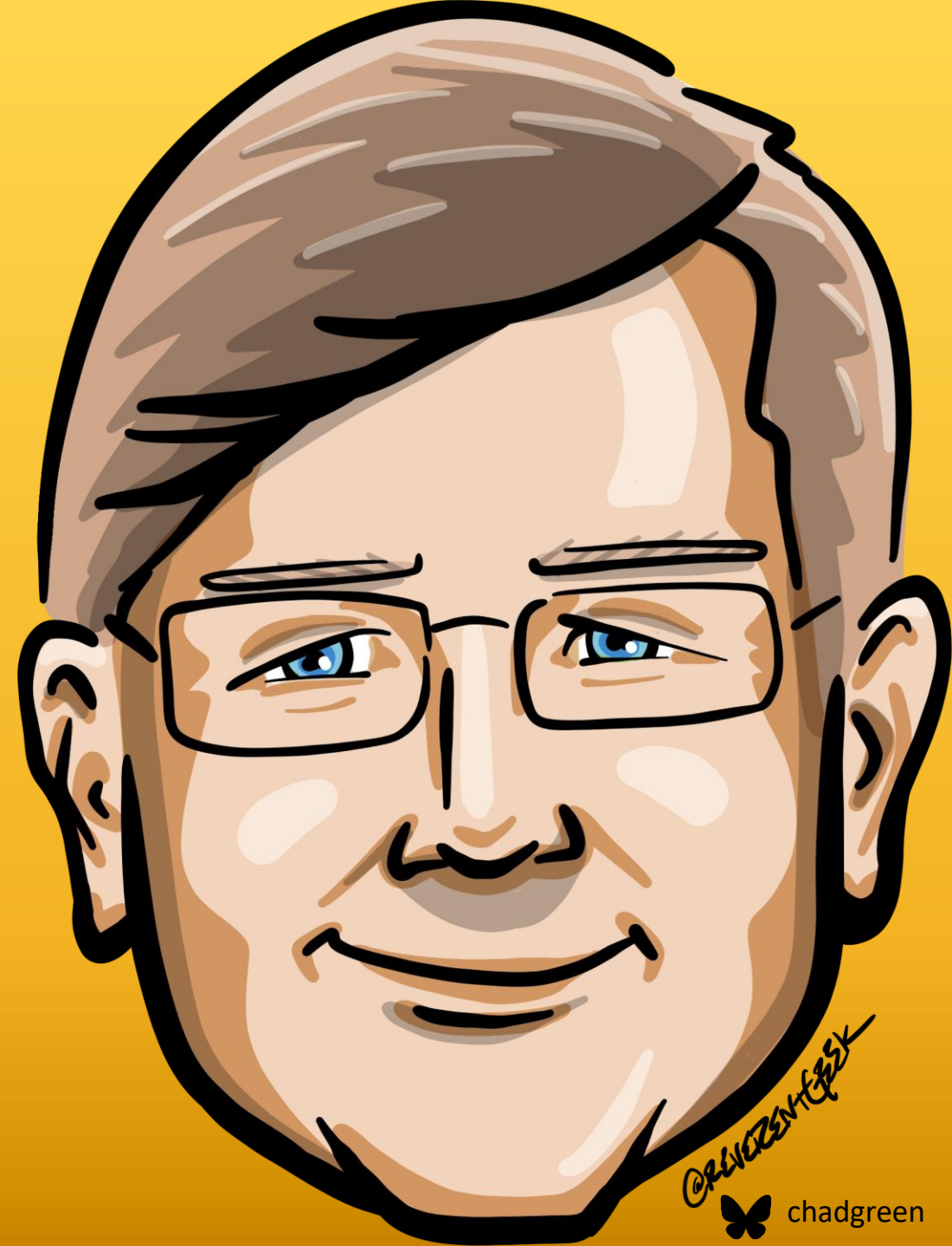
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**Who is experienced with
relational databases?**



Who has used NoSQL databases?





**How did I get started
with NoSQL databases?**



What are Relational Databases

Relational Model



- First-order predicate logic
- Described by Edgar Codd in 1969
- Data represented in terms of tuples
- Purpose is to provide declarative method for specifying data and queries



Codd's 12 Rules

0: Foundation Rule

1: Information Rule

2: Guaranteed Access

3: Systematic treatment of
NULL values

4: Active Online Catalog

5: Comprehensive data
sublanguage

6: View Updating

7: Possible for high-level
insert, update, and delete

8: Physical data
independence

9: Logic data independence

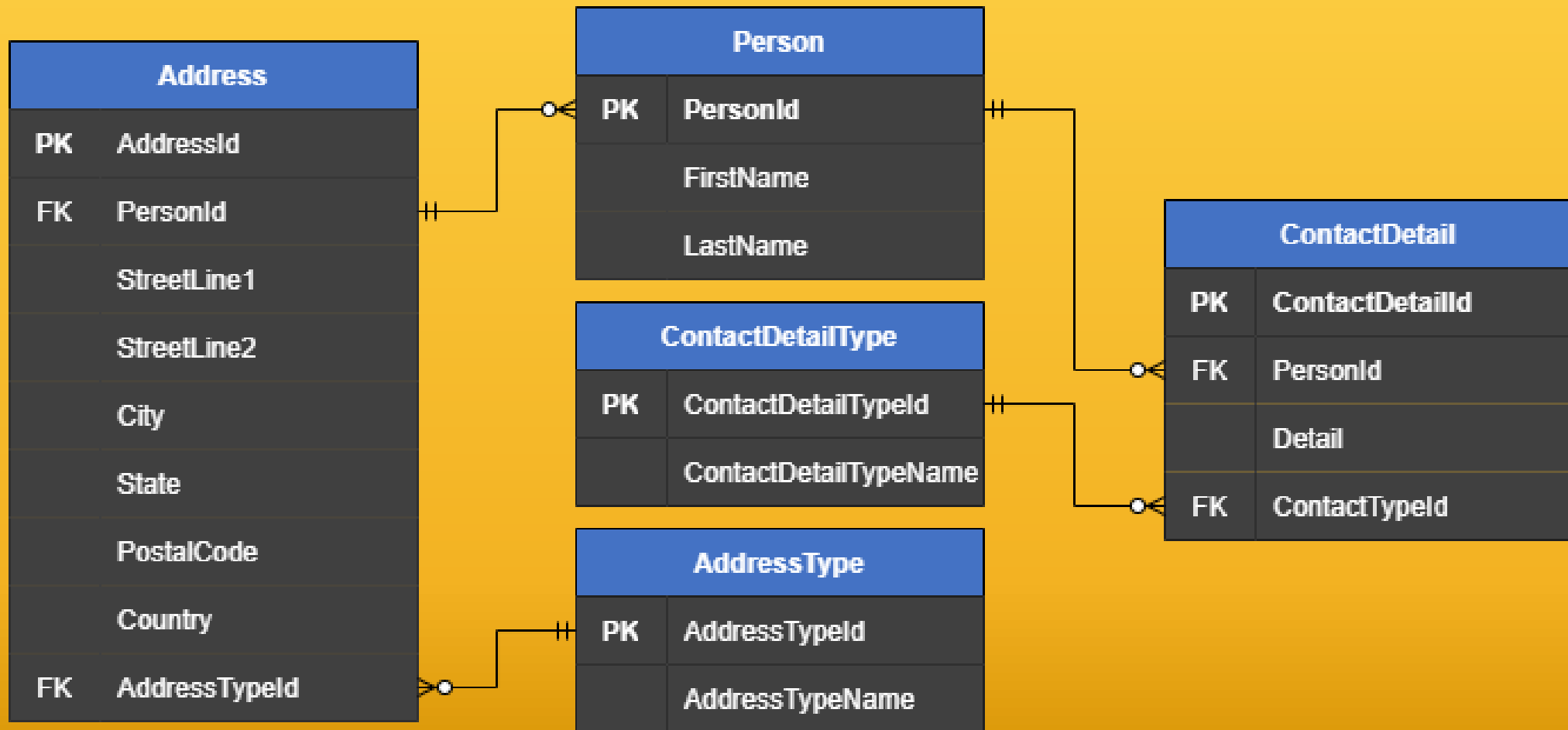
10: Integrity Independence

11: Distribution
Independence

12: Nonsubversion Rule



Typical Relational Model



True star of Relational Databases

SQL

Structured Query Language

SEQUEL



True star of Relational Databases

SQL

Structured



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Big Names in Relational Databases

ORACLE®



What are NoSQL Databases

What are NoSQL Databases

Modeled in means other than tabular relations

Existed since late 1960s

Increasingly used in big data and real-time web applications



NoSQL Motivations

Simplicity of Design

**Simpler Horizontal
Scaling**

**Finer Control over
Availability**

**Limiting Object-
Relational Impedance**



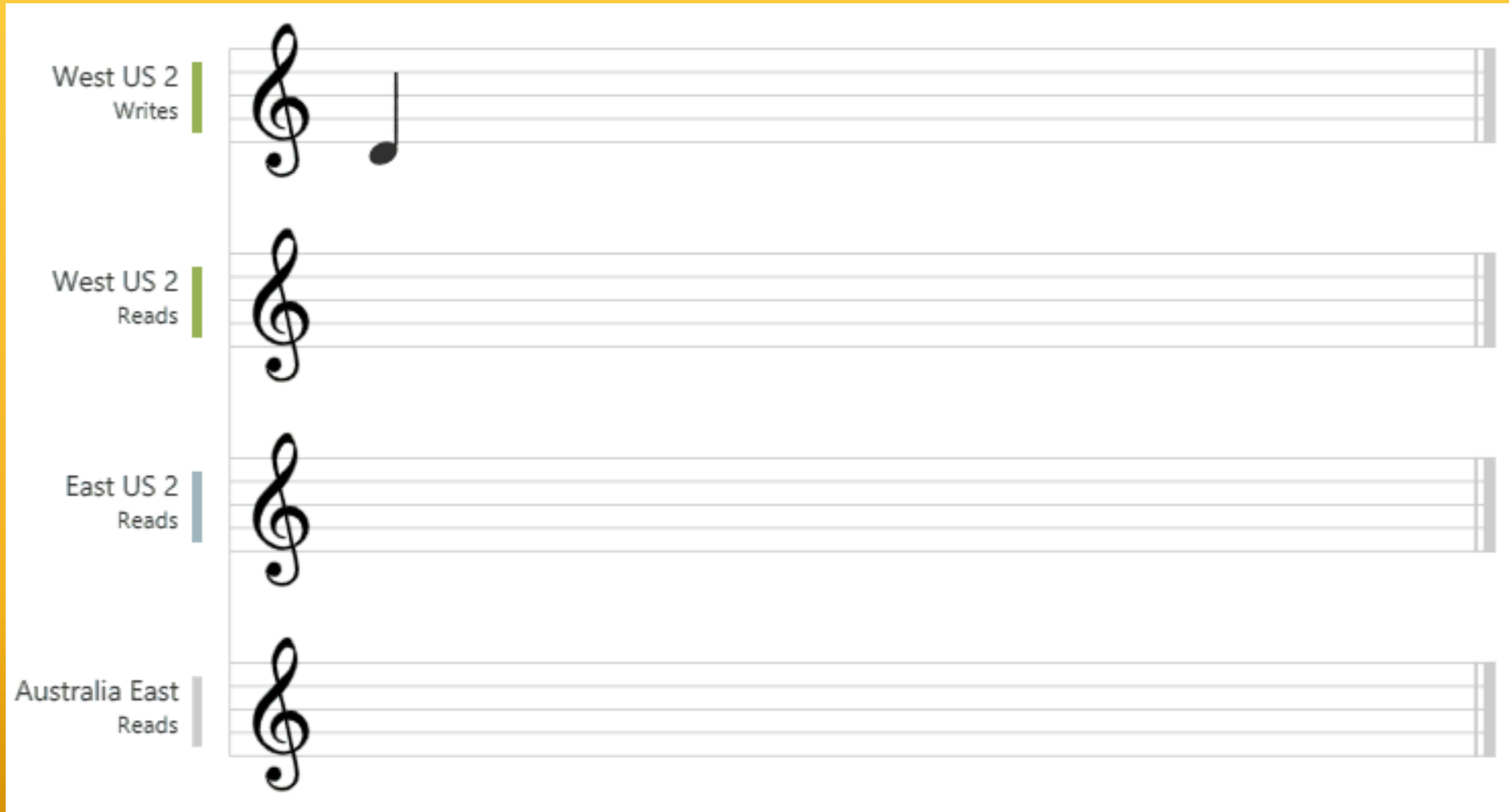
Availability over Consistency

Relational
ACID Transactions

NoSQL
Eventual Consistency



Eventual Consistency



What's in a Name

NoSQL



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NoSQL



What's in a Name

Not only SQL

Non-SQL

Non-Relational

NoSQL



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What's in a Name

No-Schema

Not only SQL

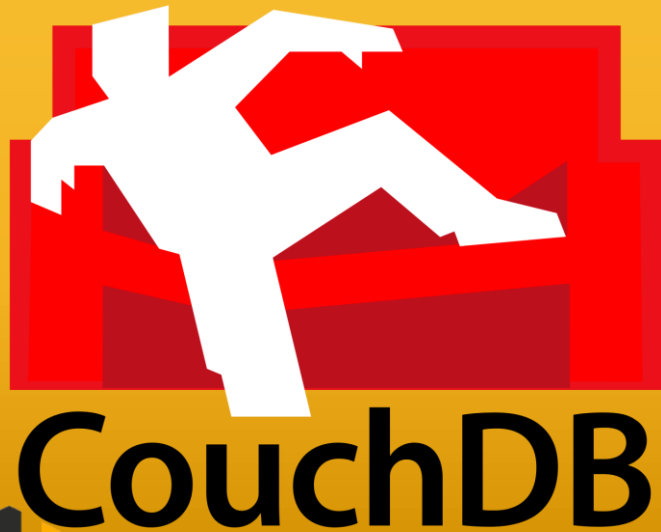
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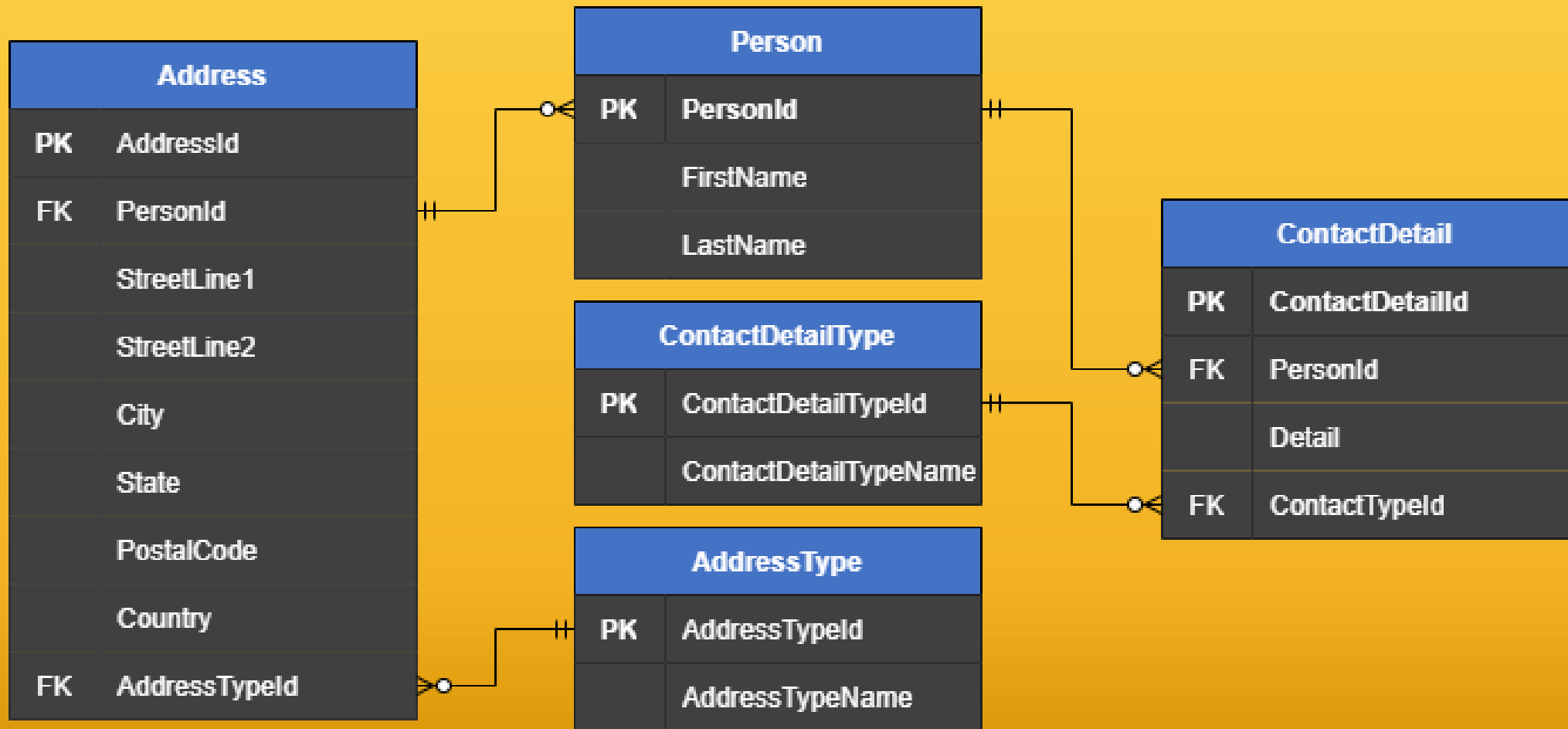
NoSQL



Many types of NoSQL databases



Typical Relational Model



Same but in a document database

```
{
  "id": "1",
  "firstName": "Thomas",
  "lastName": "Andersen",
  "addresses": [
    {
      "city": "Seattle",
      "state": "WA",
      "type": {
        "name": "Primary"
      }
    }
  ],
  "contactDetails": [
    {
      "detail": "First Detail",
      "type": {
        "name": "A detail type"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```



Many types of NoSQL databases



Key-Value



redis

Many types of NoSQL databases



Wide Column



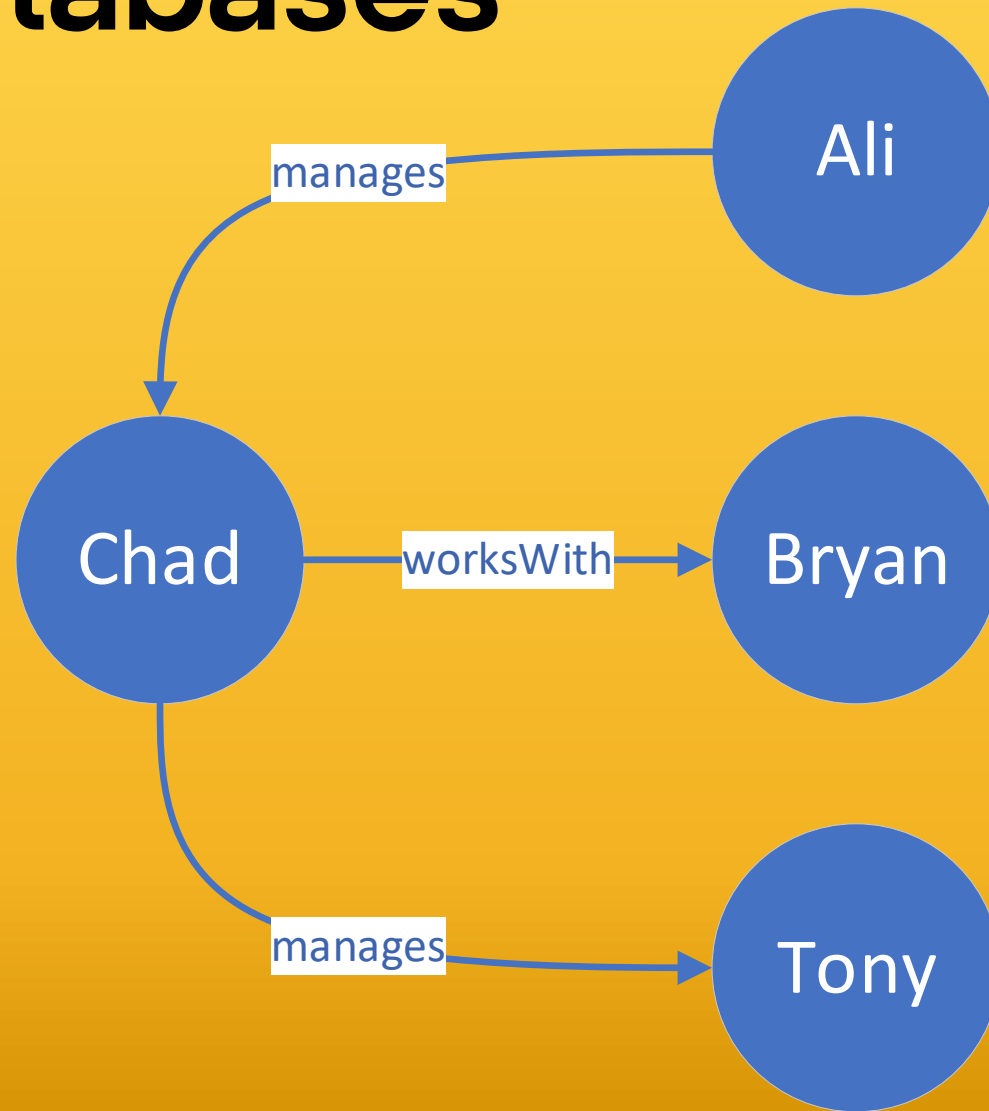
Many types of NoSQL databases



Graph



Graph Databases



Many types of NoSQL databases

Document

Key-Value

Wide Column

Graph

Object

Tabular

Tuple Store

Triple Store



Picking a Data Store

Data Model Comparison

Data Model	Performance	Scalability	Flexibility	Complexity	Functionality
Key-Value Store	High	High	High	None	Variable (None)
Column Store	High	High	Moderate	Low	Minimal
Document Store	High	Variable (High)	High	Low	Variable (Low)
Graph	Variable	Variable	High	High	Graph Theory
Relational	Variable	Variable	Low	Moderate	Relational Algebra

Ben Scofield – NoSQL presentation at CodeMash 2010



Things to think about

Skillset

Time to Market

Known Data Structure

Scalability



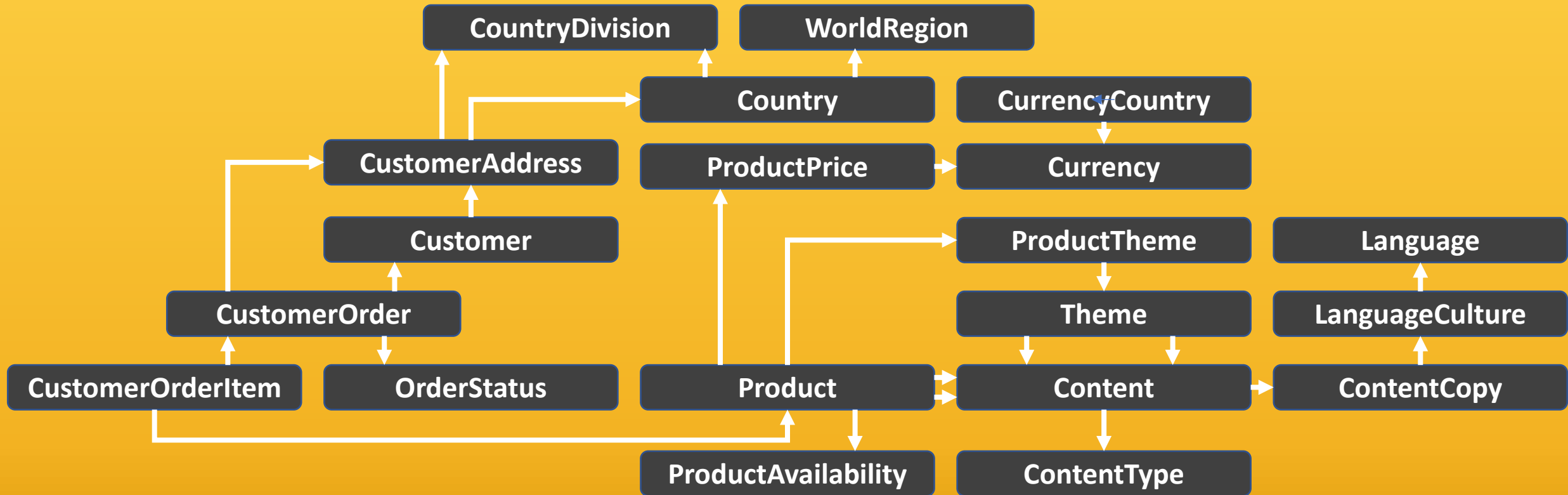
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Hybrid



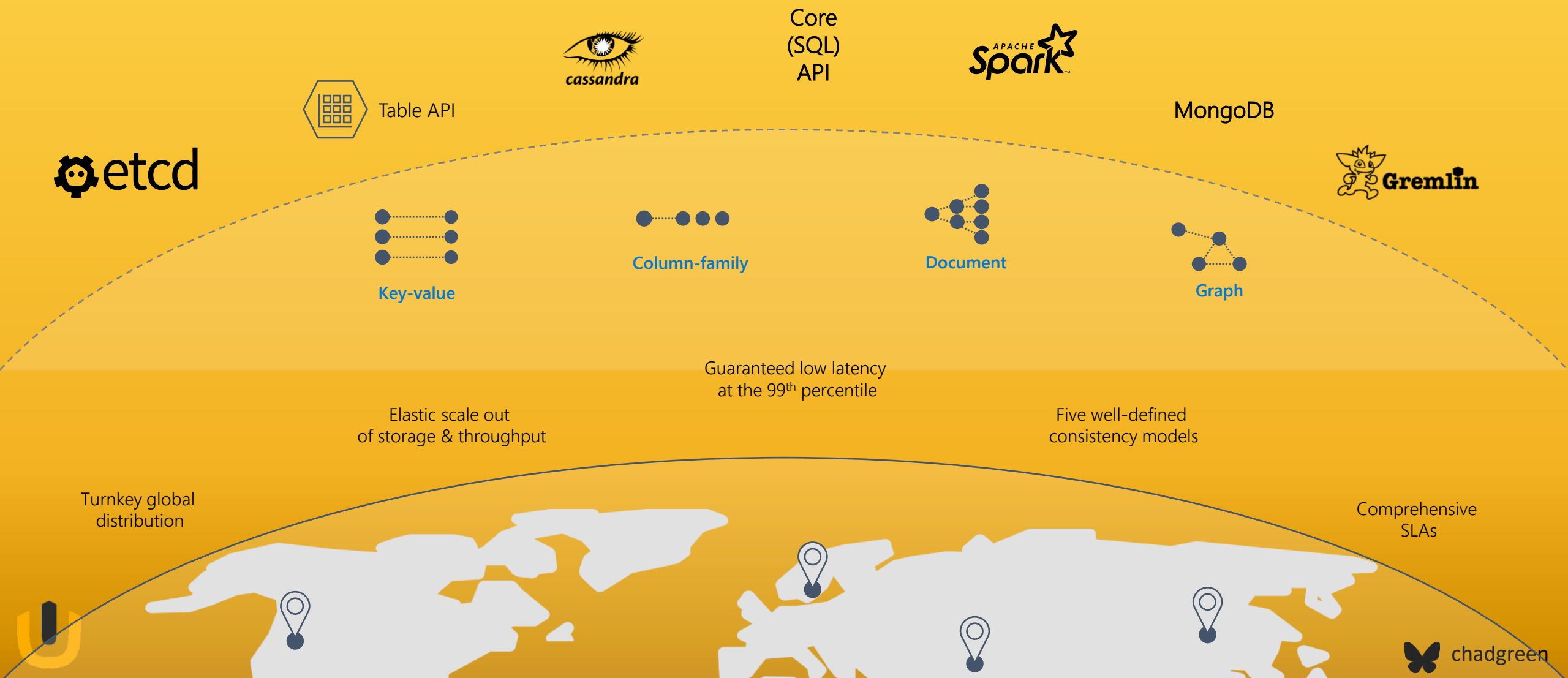
Example Explainer

Data Model



Very Quick Into to Cosmos DB

Azure Cosmos DB



Which Azure Cosmos DB Data API?

Core
(SQL)
API

Core (SQL) API



Which Azure Cosmos DB Data API?

Core
(SQL)
API



MongoDB



Which Azure Cosmos DB Data API?

Core
(SQL)
API



mongoDB



Table Storage



Which Azure Cosmos DB Data API?

Core
(SQL)
API



Gremlin



Which Azure Cosmos DB Data API?

Core
(SQL)
API



Cassandra



Migrating to NoSQL

Database Considerations

- Data Model/API



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- Document Structure



Database Considerations

- Data Model/API
- Document Structure
- Partition Key
- Access Patterns
- Even Data Distributions
- Cardinality
- Query Isolation
- Write Patterns
- Data Growth
- Familiarity with Data
- Data Relationship
- Cost Considerations
- Immutable Properties
- Data Size
- Trial and Error



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- Data Migration
- Versioning and Evolution



Document Database Structure

Cosmos DB Account

Database

Database

Container

Container

Container

Container

Item

Item

Item

Item

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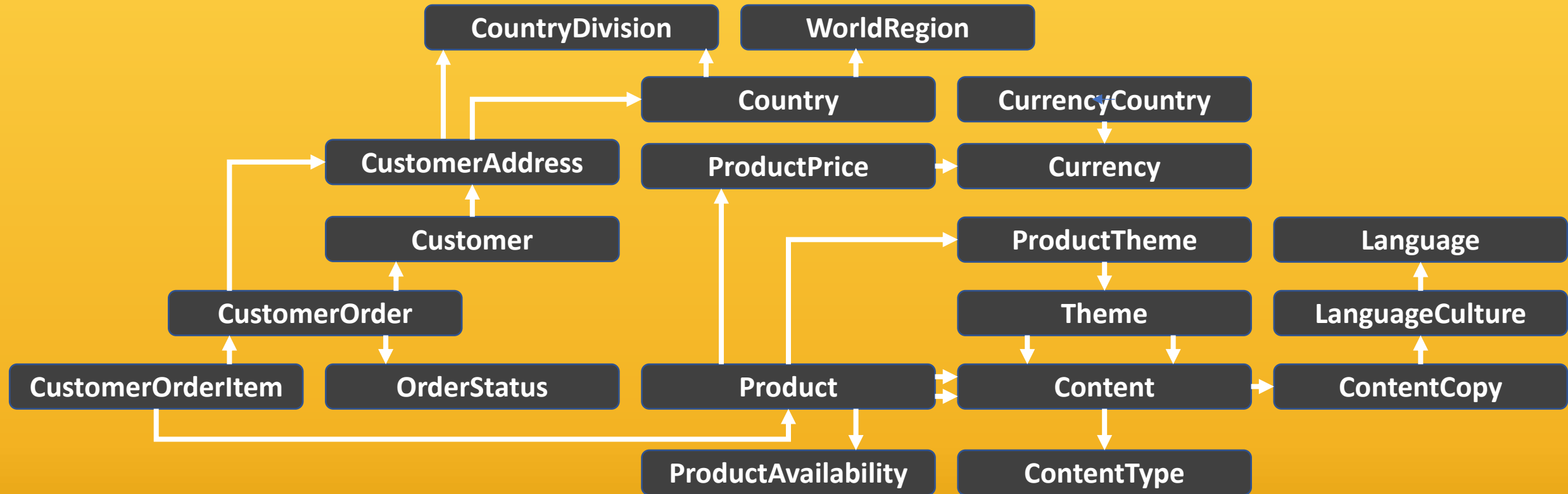
Item

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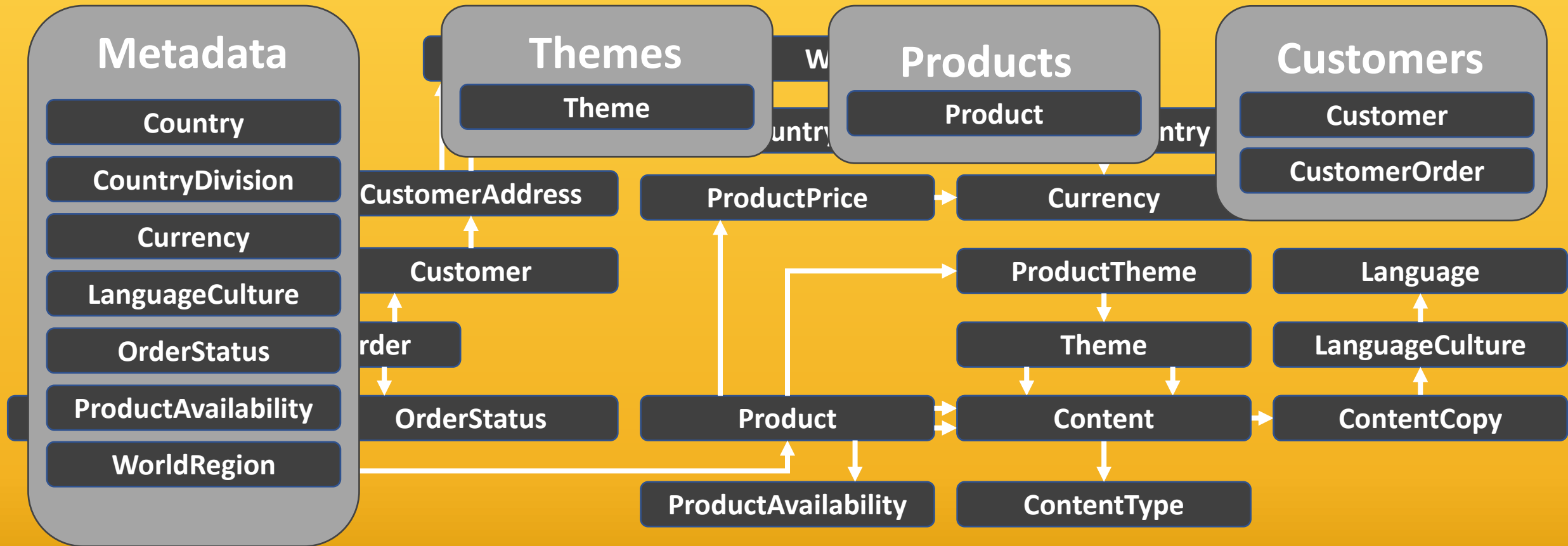
Item



Data Model



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Data Model

Metadata

Country

CountryDivision

Currency

LanguageCulture

OrderStatus

ProductAvailability

WorldRegion

Themes

Theme

Products

Product

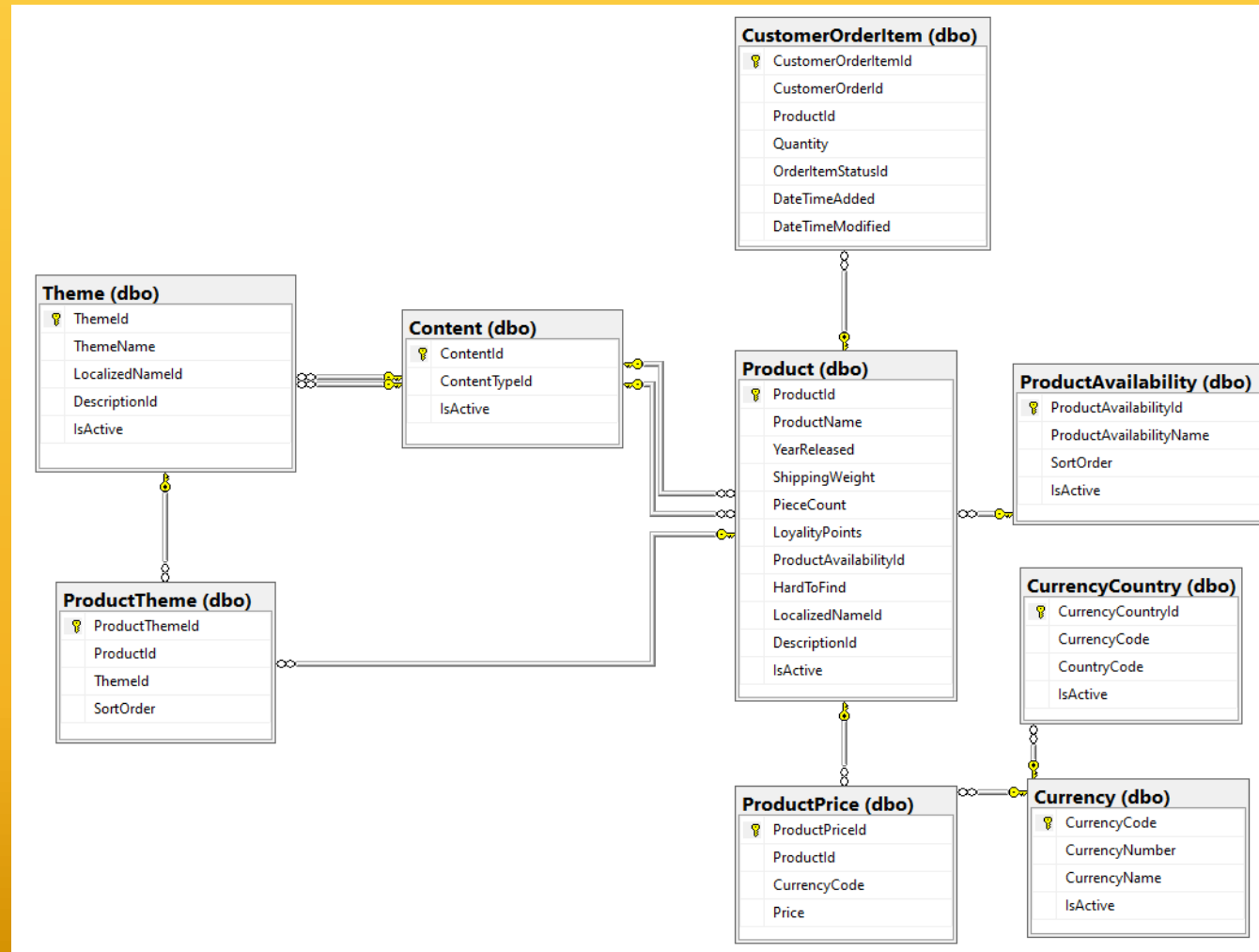
Customers

Customer

CustomerOrder



Data Model - Theme



Data Model – Theme

```
{
  "id": "43C2E388-9BB9-463A-B14B-28B538229A03",
  "name": "Architecture",
  "localizedNames": [],
  "descriptions": [],
  "products": [
    {
      "id": "21058",
      "pieceCount": 1476,
      "hardToFind": false,
      "prices": [],
      "localizedNames": [],
      "description": []
    },
    ...
  ]
}
```



Relational Model

```
#nullable disable

namespace TaleLearnCode.GoingSchemaless.Repository.Models;

/// <summary> Represents a customer of the Buliding Bricks ecommerce platform.
5 references | Chad Green, 214 days ago | 1 author, 1 change
public partial class Customer
{
    0 references | Chad Green, 214 days ago | 1 author, 1 change
    public Customer()...

    /// <summary> Identifier for the customer record.
    1 reference | Chad Green, 214 days ago | 1 author, 1 change
    public int CustomerId { get; set; }

    /// <summary> The first name for the customer.
    1 reference | Chad Green, 214 days ago | 1 author, 1 change
    public string FirstName { get; set; }

    /// <summary> The last name for the customer.
    1 reference | Chad Green, 214 days ago | 1 author, 1 change
    public string LastName { get; set; }

    /// <summary> The email address for the customer.
    1 reference | Chad Green, 214 days ago | 1 author, 1 change
    public string EmailAddress { get; set; }

    2 references | Chad Green, 214 days ago | 1 author, 1 change
    public virtual ICollection<CustomerAddress> CustomerAddresses { get; set; }
    2 references | Chad Green, 214 days ago | 1 author, 1 change
    public virtual ICollection<CustomerOrder> CustomerOrders { get; set; }
}
```



NoSQL Model (Code)

```
namespace TaleLearnCode.GoingSchemaless.Schemaless.Models;
```

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```
public class Customer : ModelBase  
{
```

```
    [JsonProperty("firstName")]
```

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```
    public string? FirstName { get; set; }
```

```
    [JsonProperty("lastName")]
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```
    public string LastName { get; set; } = null!;
```

```
    [JsonProperty("emailAddress")]
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    public string EmailAddress { get; set; } = null!;
```

```
    [JsonProperty("primaryAddress")]
```

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```
    public CustomerAddressComponent PrimaryAddress { get; set; } = null!;
```

```
    [JsonProperty("addresses")]
```

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```
    public List<CustomerAddressComponent> Addresses { get; set; } = new();
```

```
    [JsonProperty("recentOrders")]
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    public List<CustomerOrderComponent> RecentOrders { get; set; } = null!;
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}
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```
public class ModelBase
```

```
{
```

```
    [JsonProperty("id")]
```

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```
    public string Id { get; set; } = null!;
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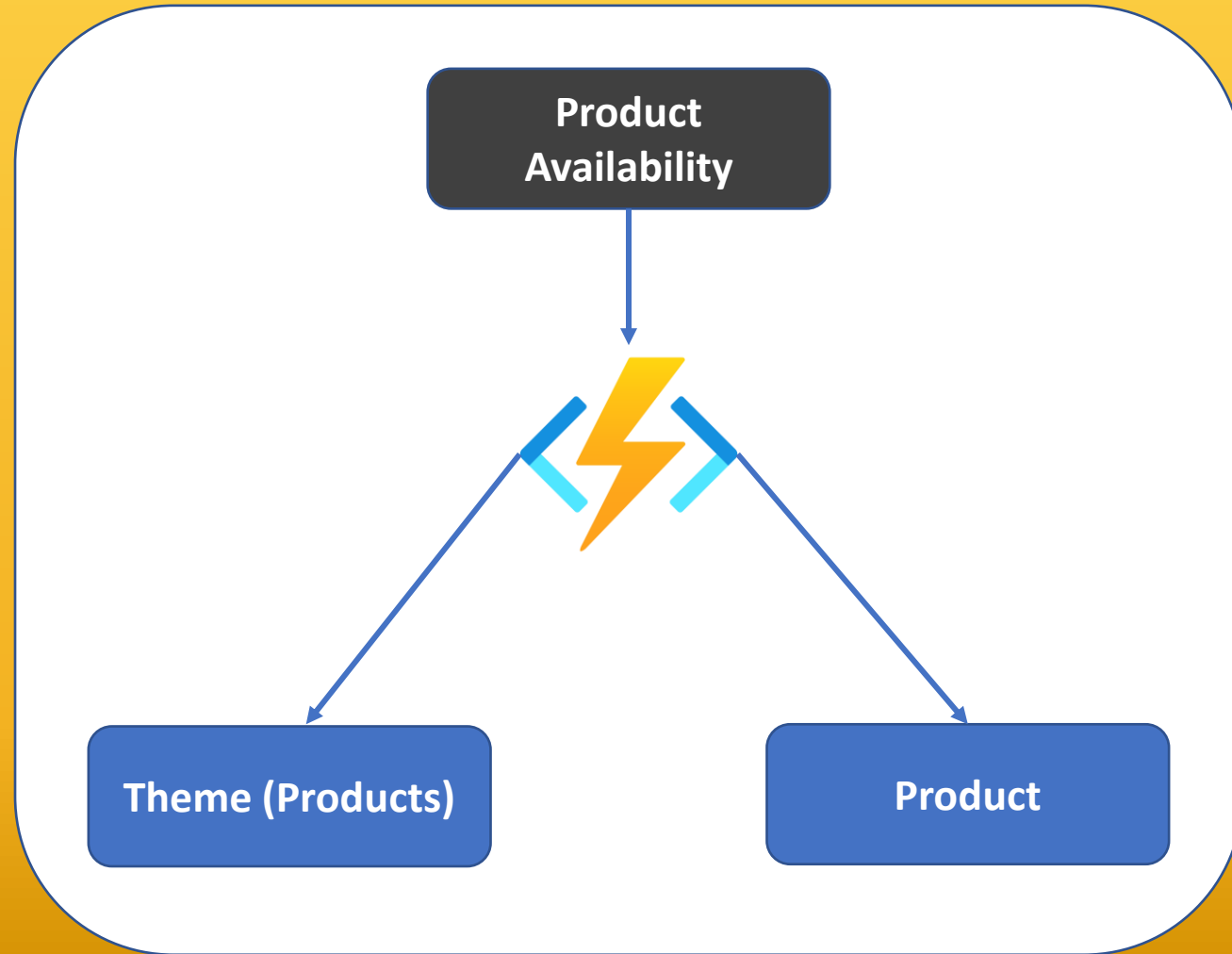
```
    [JsonProperty("legacyId")]
```

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```
    public int LegacyId { get; set; }
```

```
}
```

Reference Types



What about data migration?



Best Tool(s) for the Job



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