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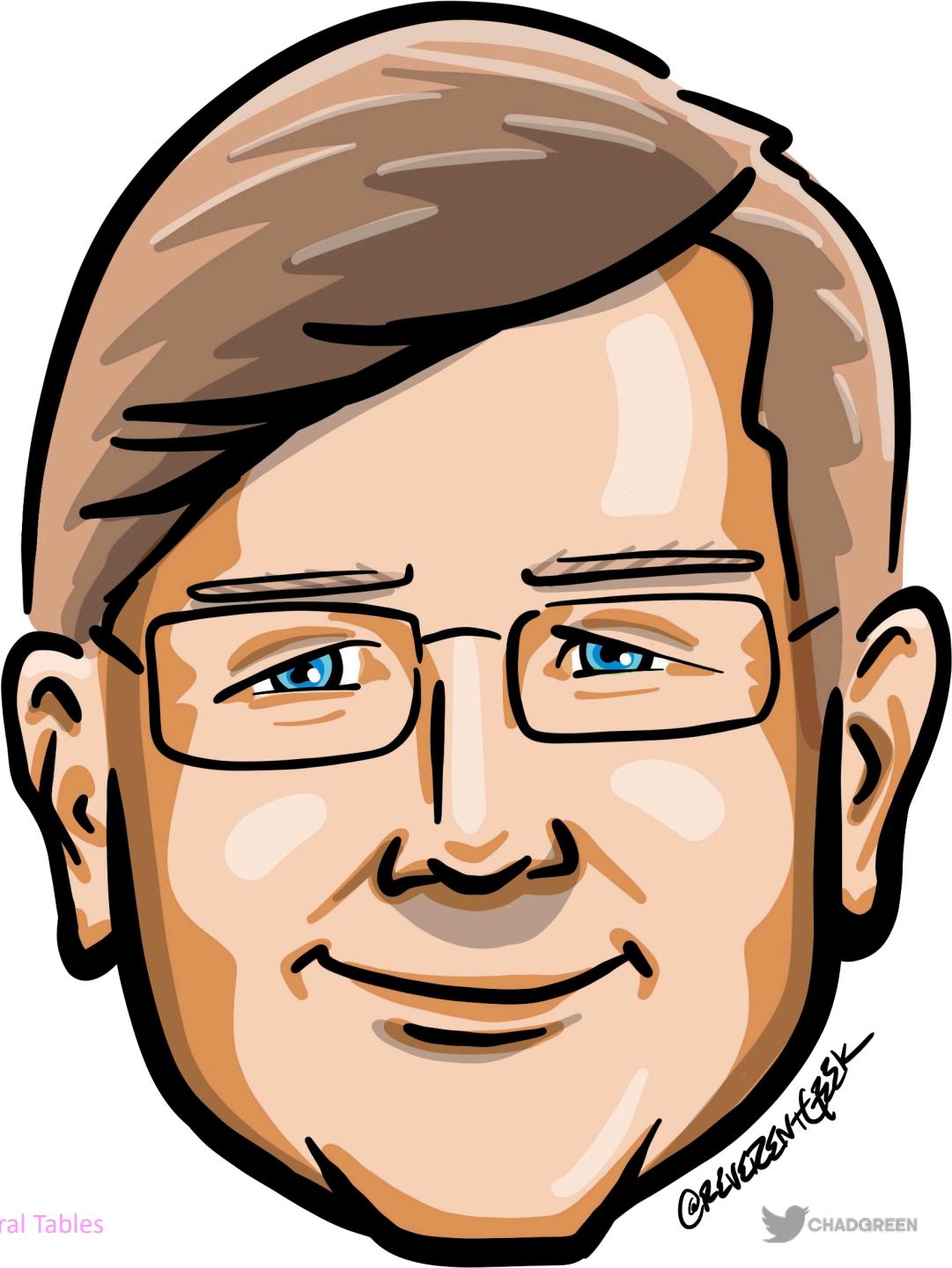


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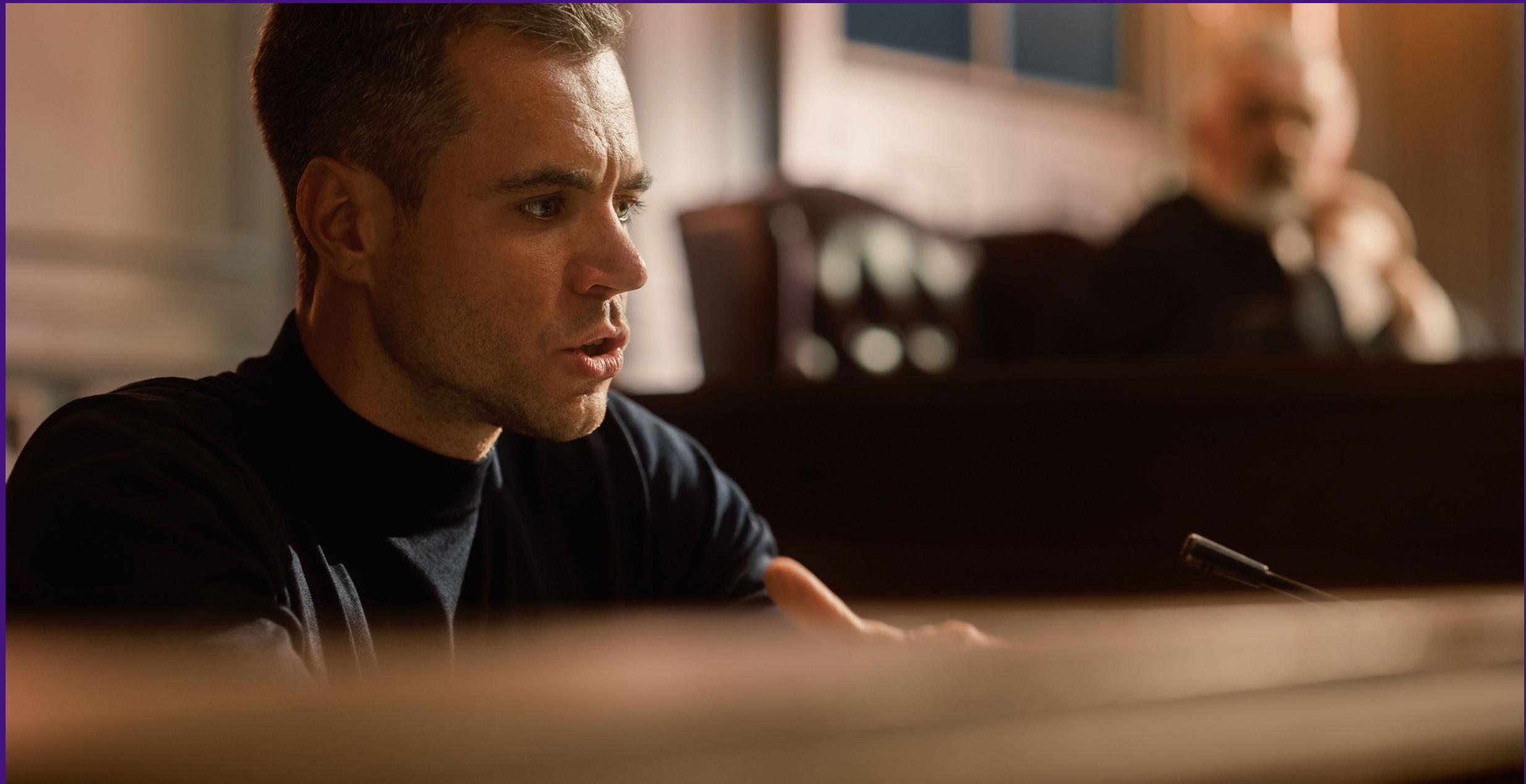
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What are system- versioned temporal tables?

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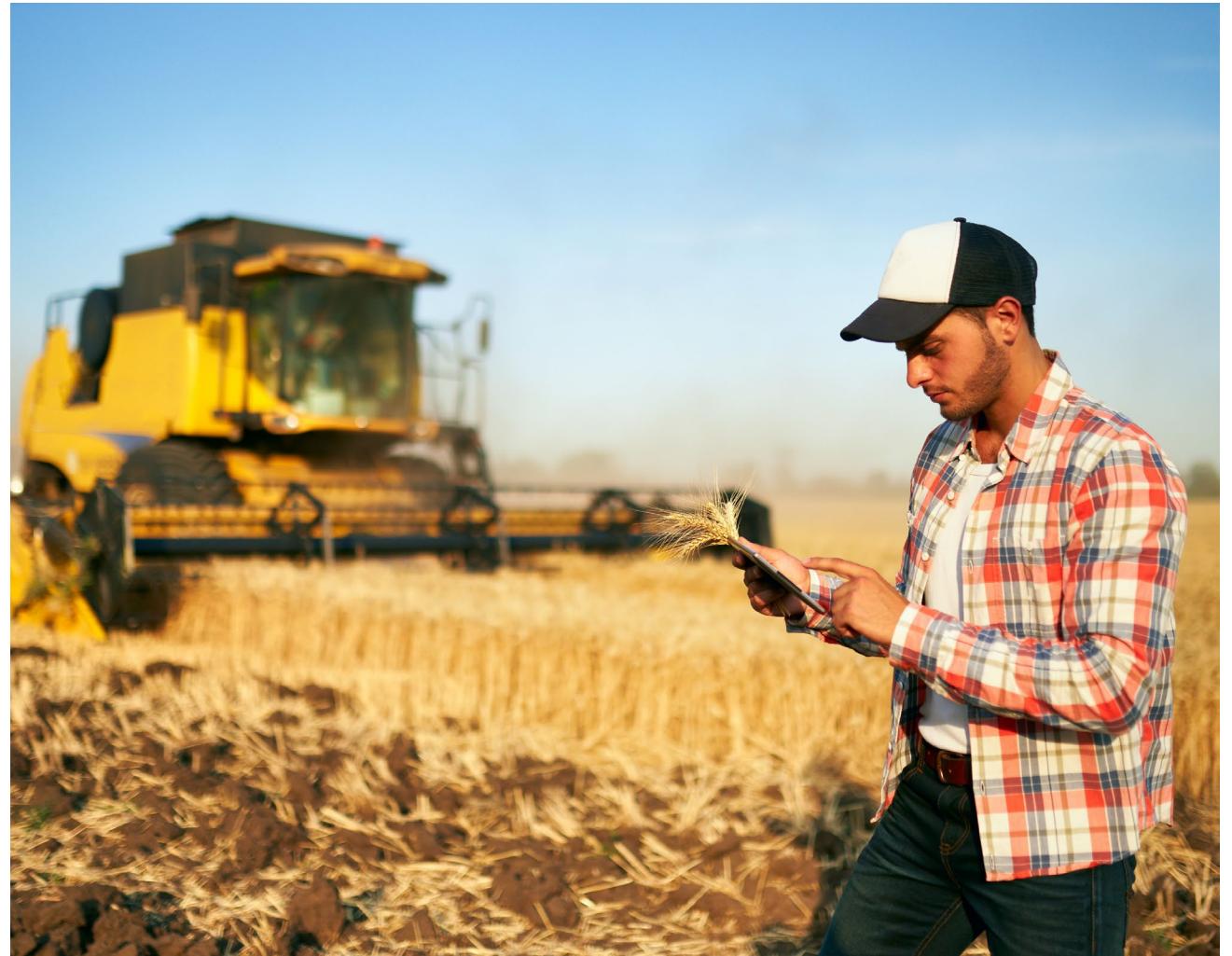
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What are system-versioned temporal tables?



System-Versioned

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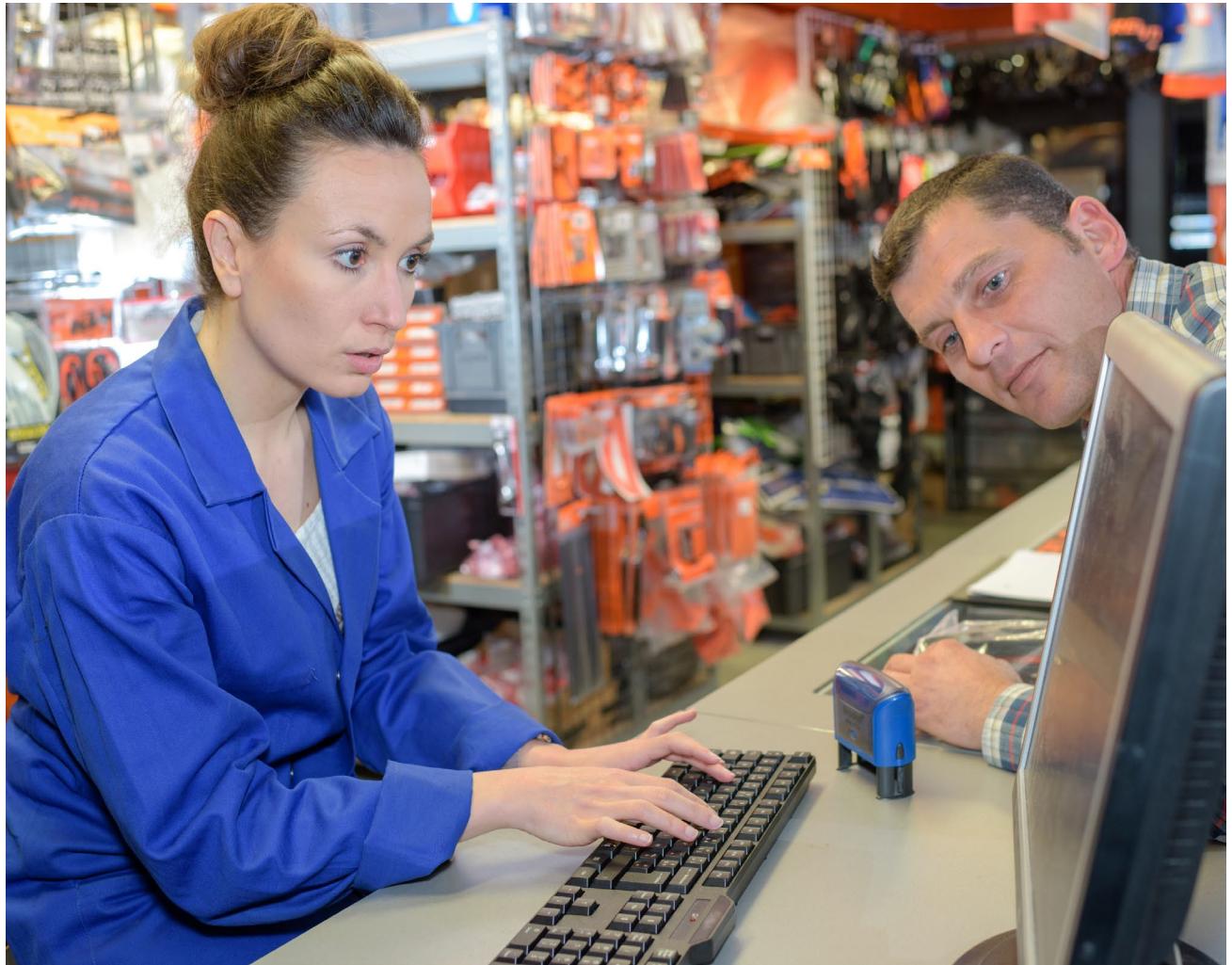
Rule of Two

What are system-versioned temporal tables?



Availability

What are system-versioned temporal tables?



Why use temporal tables?

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Why use temporal tables?

Immutable History

Built-In Time-Travelling
Query Support

Better DML
Performance

Minimal Maintenance
Costs

Auditing

Common Uses Cases



Reconstructing State

Common Uses Cases



Calculating Trends

Common Uses Cases



Slowly Changing Dimensions

Common Uses Cases



Accidental Recovery

Common Uses Cases



How do temporal tables work?

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How do temporal tables work?

Database Table
PrimaryKeyId 
Name
ForeignKeyId 

How do temporal tables work?

Temporal Table (Current)	
PrimaryKeyId	🔑
Name	
ForeignKeyId	🔑
ValidFrom	
ValidTo	



History Table	
PrimaryKeyId	
Name	
ForeignKeyId	
ValidFrom	
ValidTo	

How do temporal tables work?

Temporal Table (Current)	
PrimaryKeyId 	123
Name	TaleLearnCode
ForeignKeyId 	456
ValidFrom	2022-08-06 18:00:00
ValidTo	9999-12-31 23:59:59

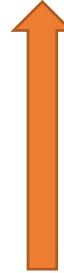
History Table	
PrimaryKeyId	
Name	
ForeignKeyId	
ValidFrom	
ValidTo	



Insert

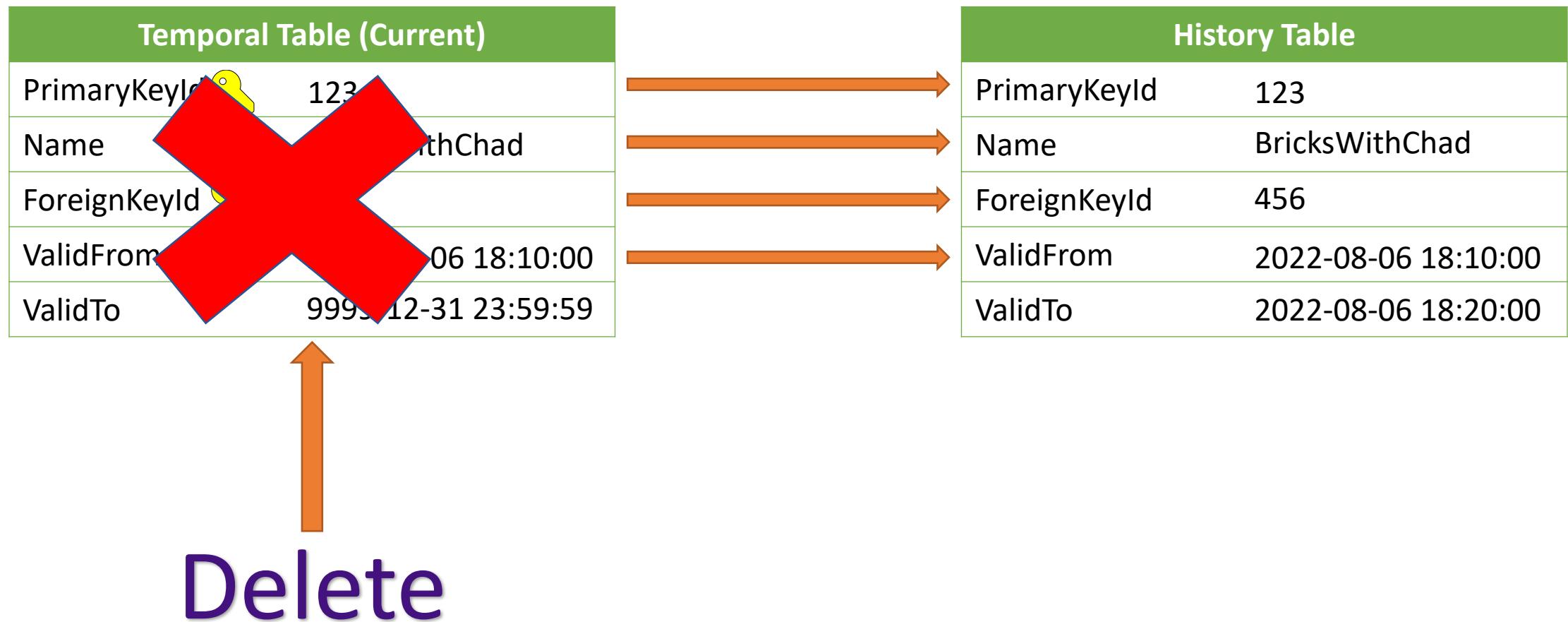
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Name	TaleLearnCode	Name	TaleLearnCode
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ValidTo	9999-12-31 23:59:59	ValidTo	2022-08-06 18:10:00



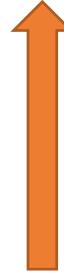
Update

How do temporal tables work?



How do temporal tables work?

Temporal Table (Current)		History Table	
PrimaryKeyId	123	PrimaryKeyId	123
Name	BricksWithChad	Name	BricksWithChad
ForeignKeyId	456	ForeignKeyId	456
ValidFrom	2022-08-06 18:10:00	ValidFrom	2022-08-06 18:10:00
ValidTo	9999-12-31 23:59:59	ValidTo	2022-08-06 18:20:00



Merge

How do temporal tables work?

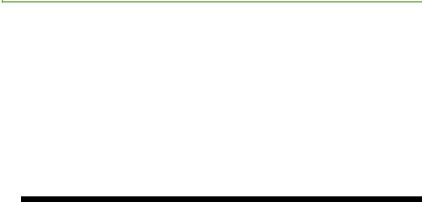
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History Table	
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Name	TaleLearnCode
ForeignKeyId	456
ValidFrom	2022-08-06 18:00:00
ValidTo	2022-08-06 18:10:00

Regular queries
(current data)



Include historical version



Query

FOR SYSTEM_TIME
ALL, AS OF, BETWEEN..AND, FROM..TO, CONTAINED IN

How do temporal tables work?

```
SELECT * FROM DemoTable  
FOR SYSTEM_TIME  
BETWEEN '2022-08-05 00:00:00' AND '2022-08-06 23:59:59'  
WHERE Id = 123  
ORDER BY ValidFrom
```

PrimaryKeyId	Name	ForiegnKeyId	ValidFrom	ValidTo
123	BricskWithChad	456	2022-08-06 18:10:00	9999-12-31 23:59:59
123	TaleLearnCode	456	2022-08-06 18:00:00	2022-08-06 18:10:00

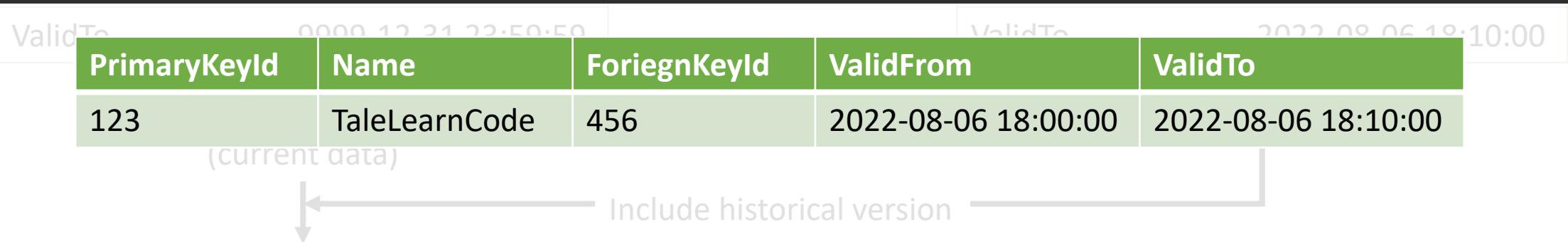


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Temporal Query Expressions

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end_date_time)

ALL

What are common use cases for using temporal tables?

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Time to
ENGAGE



Time to Engage

- Let's create some temporal tables
- INSERTs, UPDATEs, and DELETEs, oh my
- Roads? Where we are going we don't need roads

Temporal Tables in Entity Framework

Time Travelling Data

Temporal Tables in Entity Framework

Support added in EF Core 6.0



Temporal Tables in Entity Framework



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Does EF Core support code first approach for Temporal tables?
Looking to find a way to use Temporal tables with EF Core code first approach. Please guide me to the article if any existing already.
Thank you.

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Temporal Tables in Entity Framework

- Creation of temporal tables using EF Core migrations
- Transformations of existing tables into temporal tables
- Querying historical data
- Restoring data from some point in the past

LINQ Extension Methods

TemporalAll

TemporalAsOf

TemporalFromTo

TemporalBetween

TemporalContainedIn

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