



# ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SQL

- 12 August 2025

- By Deboleena Thakur, B. Pharm, MS-HCDA

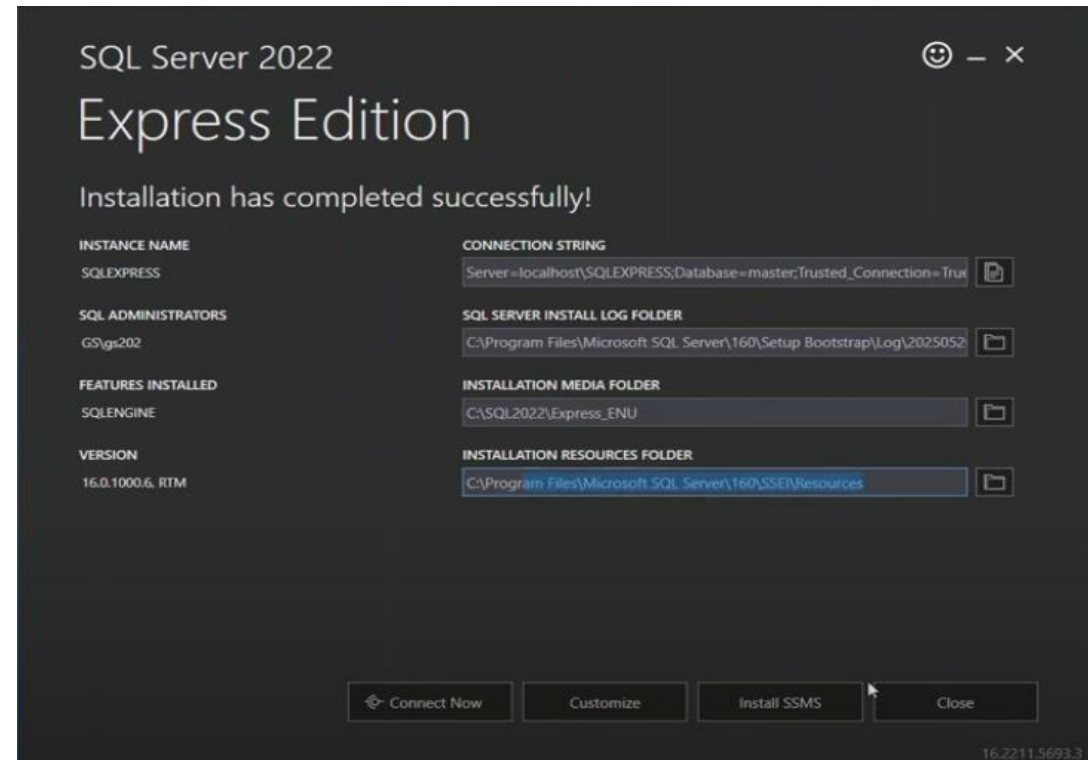
- Intermediate Data Analyst- IDHI, College of Medicine,
  - University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

# Install Microsoft SSMS and Database Engine-

**Step 1-** For personal use, install a SQL Server database engine like SQL Express 2022- <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=104781>

- SQL Server Express allows you to run a Microsoft SQL Server database locally on your device without needing external servers or special permissions. It works well with SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS), including version 21, for database management.
- Click on 'install SSMS' button at the end of installation OR click on the link below.

**Step 2-** Download the latest version of Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS)- <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/ssms/install/install>



# Download the free sample database-

- **Step 3-** Download AdventureWorks sample databases- <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/samples/adventureworks-install-configure?view=sql-server-ver17&tabs=ssms>
- - This is a free sample database by Microsoft compatible with its SQL Server
- You can select either the OLTP or the Data Warehouse version
- \*\*OLTP- Online Transaction Processing, data refers to the transactional data managed by systems designed to handle a high volume of short, frequently updated transactions.

## Download backup files

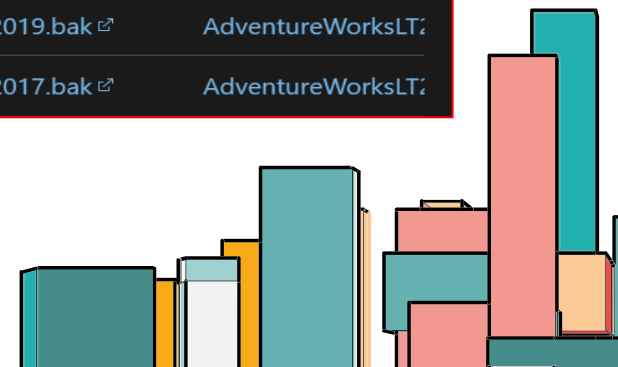
Use these links to download the appropriate sample database for your scenario.

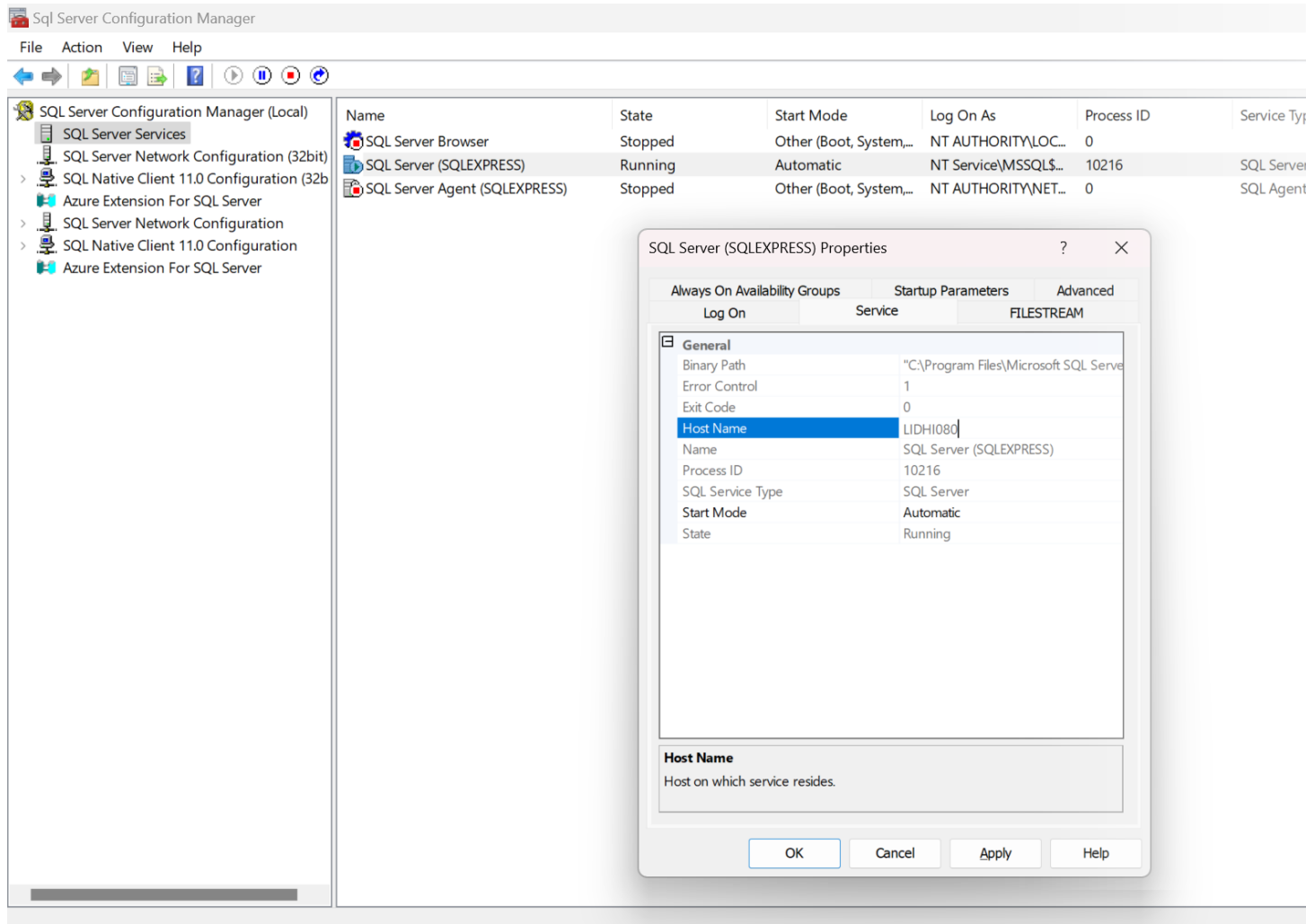
- **OLTP** data is for most typical online transaction processing workloads.
- **Data Warehouse (DW)** data is for data warehousing workloads.
- **Lightweight (LT)** data is a lightweight and pared down version of the OLTP sample.

If you're not sure what you need, start with the OLTP version that matches your SQL Server version.


[Expand table](#)

OLTP	Data Warehouse	Lightweight
<a href="#">AdventureWorks2022.bak</a> ↗	<a href="#">AdventureWorksDW2022.bak</a> ↗	<a href="#">AdventureWorksLT2022.bak</a> ↗
<a href="#">AdventureWorks2019.bak</a> ↗	<a href="#">AdventureWorksDW2019.bak</a> ↗	<a href="#">AdventureWorksLT2019.bak</a> ↗
<a href="#">AdventureWorks2017.bak</a> ↗	<a href="#">AdventureWorksDW2017.bak</a> ↗	<a href="#">AdventureWorksLT2017.bak</a> ↗

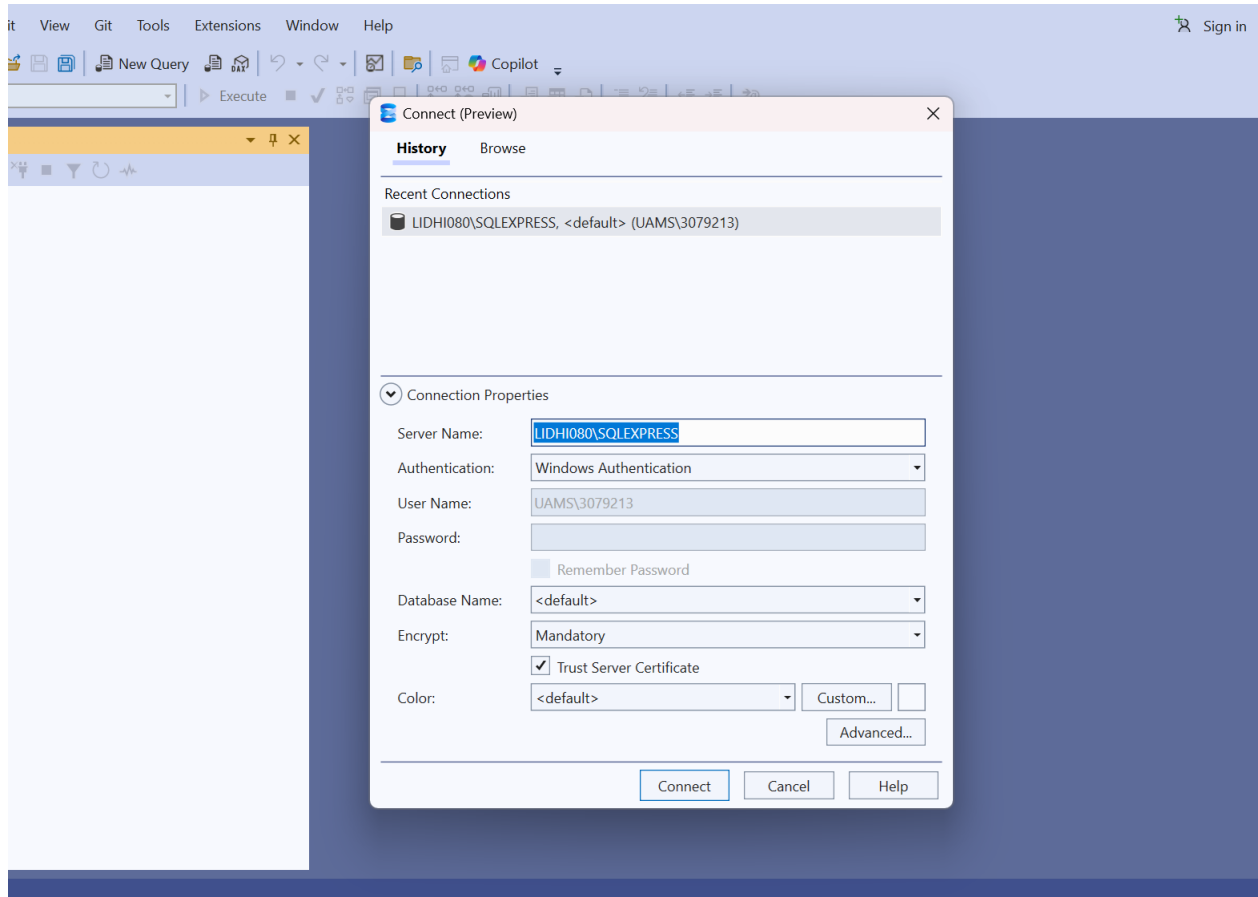




## Step 4- Open the SSMS tool and connect to personal device's server

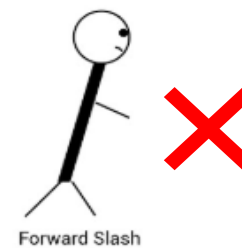
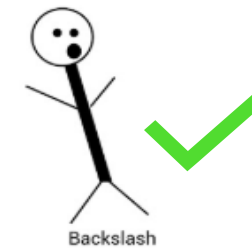
- Go to Windows 
- Type Sql Server Configuration Manager
- Click on SQL Server Services on the left side panel
- Right click on SQL Server (SQL EXPRESS) and go to Properties
- Copy the Host Name and enter **<host name>\SQLEXPRESS** on to the Server Name on SSMS21 tool.





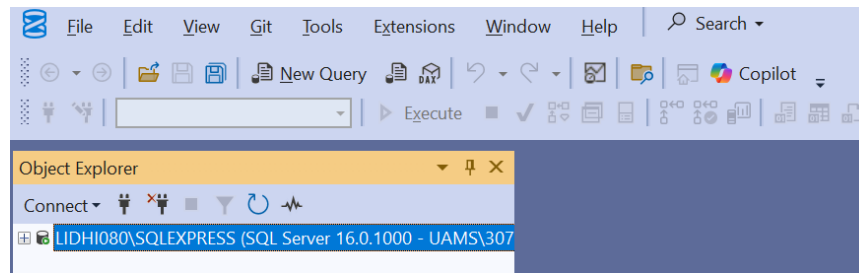
# OR

- Simply go to Windows search for System Information
- Copy the System Name and enter **<System Name>\SQLEXPRESS**
- Click Connect.

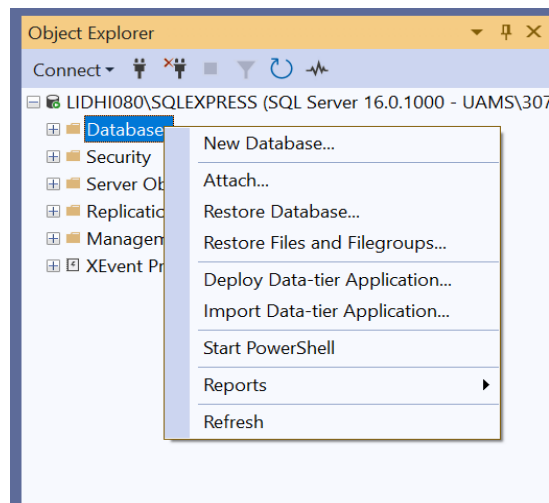


# Step 5- Load the **AdventureWorks** database into the RDBMS

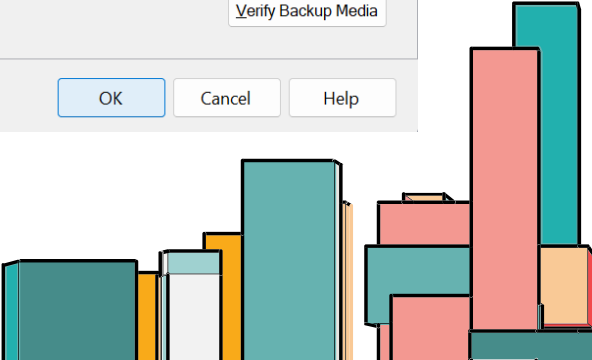
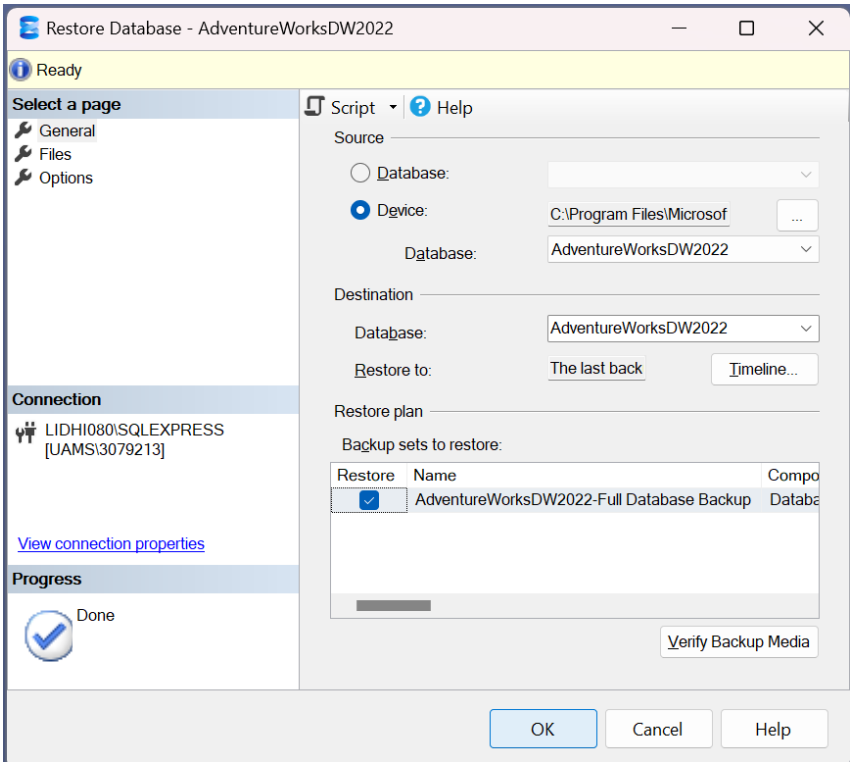
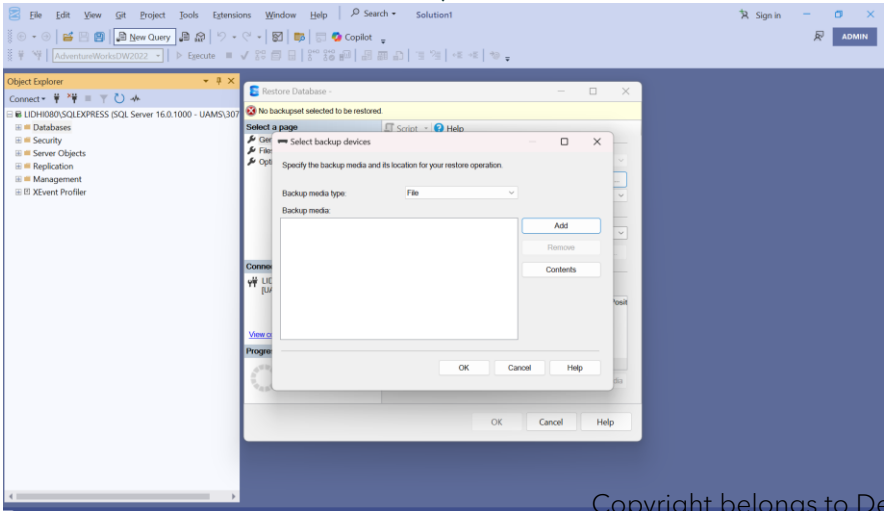
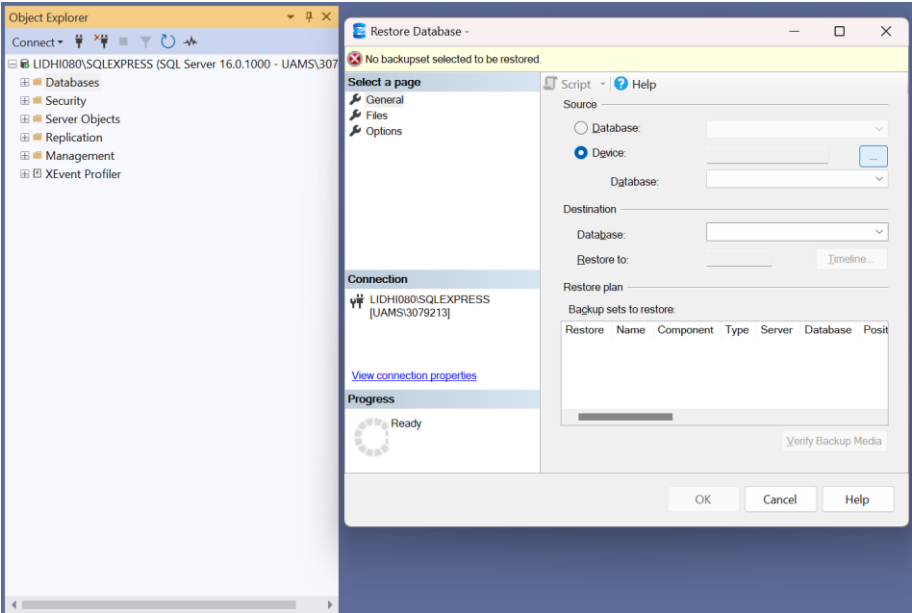
-Click on the + next to the device server name

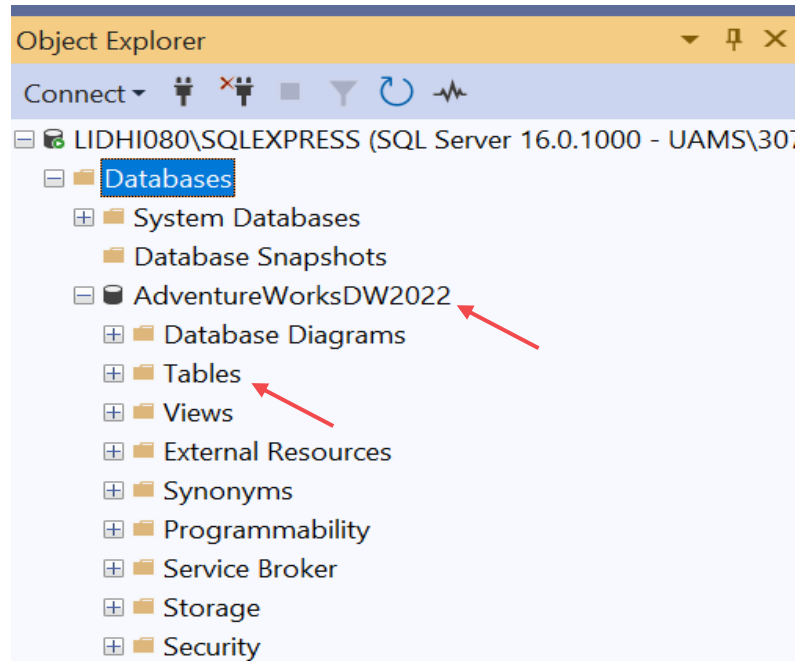


-Right click next to +Databases and the Restore Database...

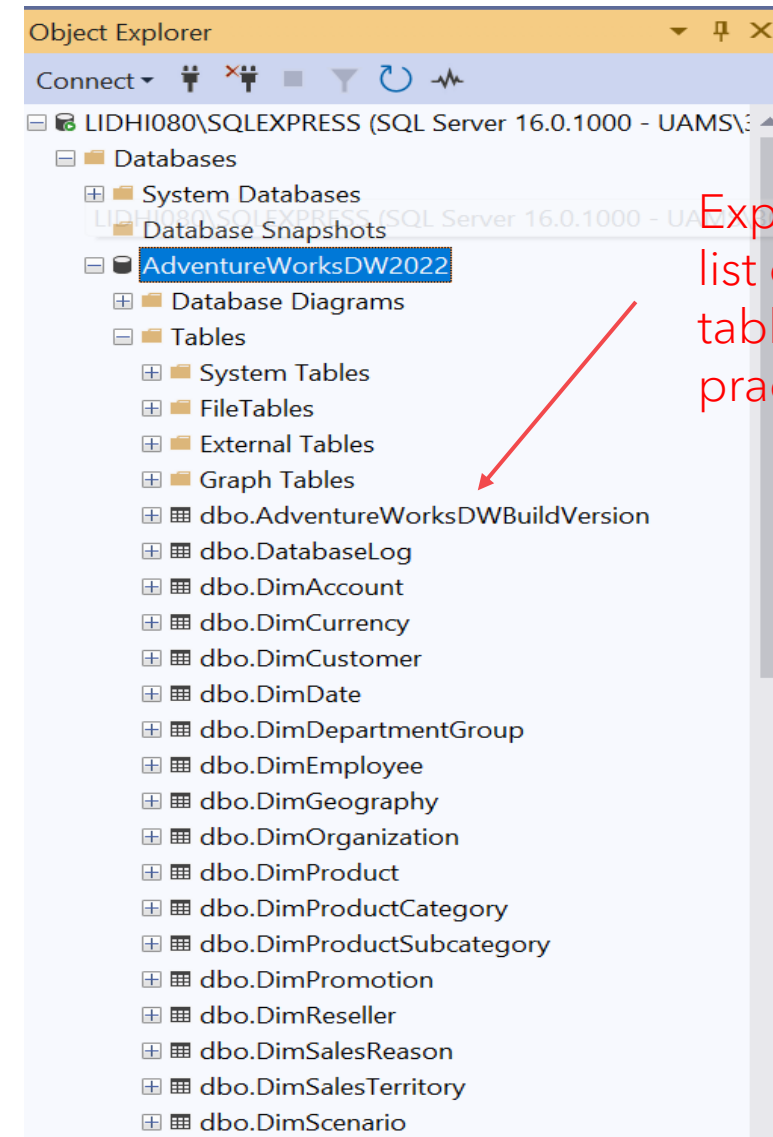


-Select the **Device** option and click on the **three dots** and **Add** the file from the path location. Click **OK**.





Click on the  
+AdventureWorksDW2022 and  
then go to +Tables to check out all  
the tables under this database.



Explore the  
list of example  
tables for  
practice



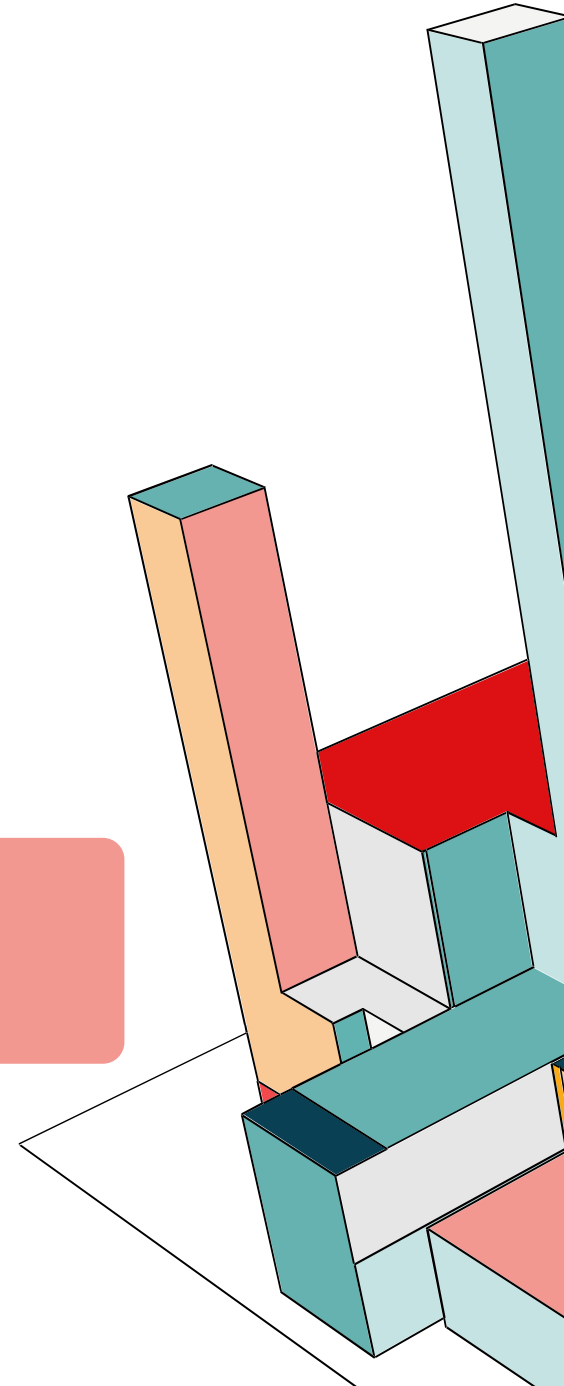


# Course Breakdown-

Basics of SQL

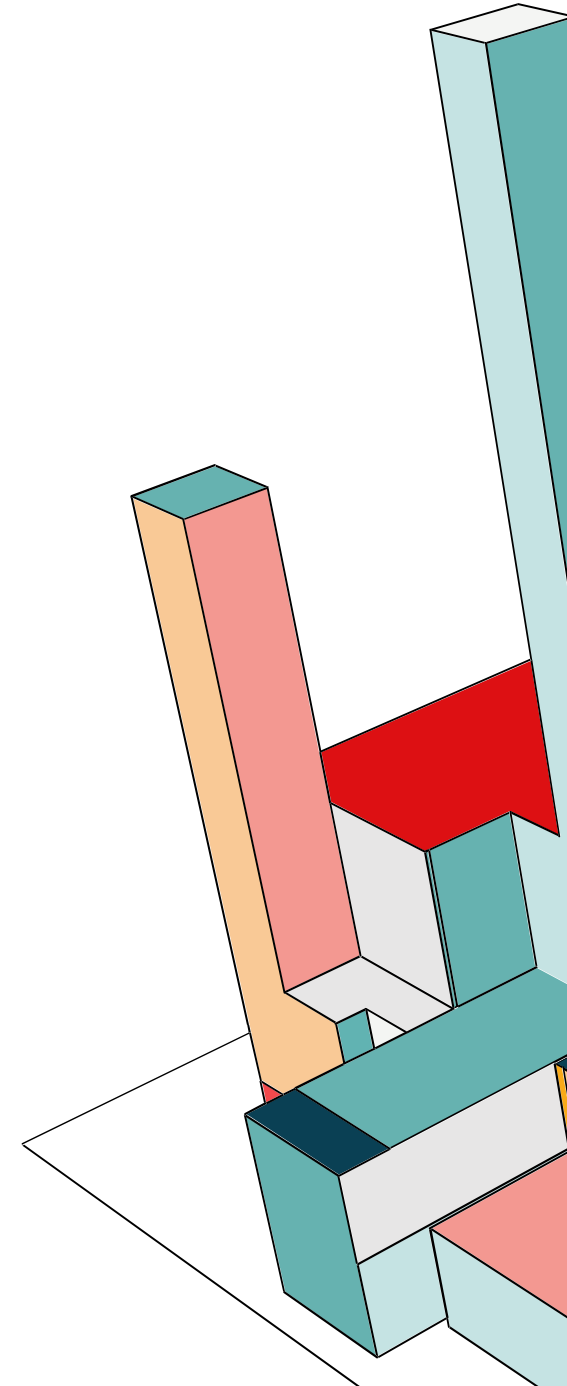
Demonstration of the SQL  
commands in the RDBMS

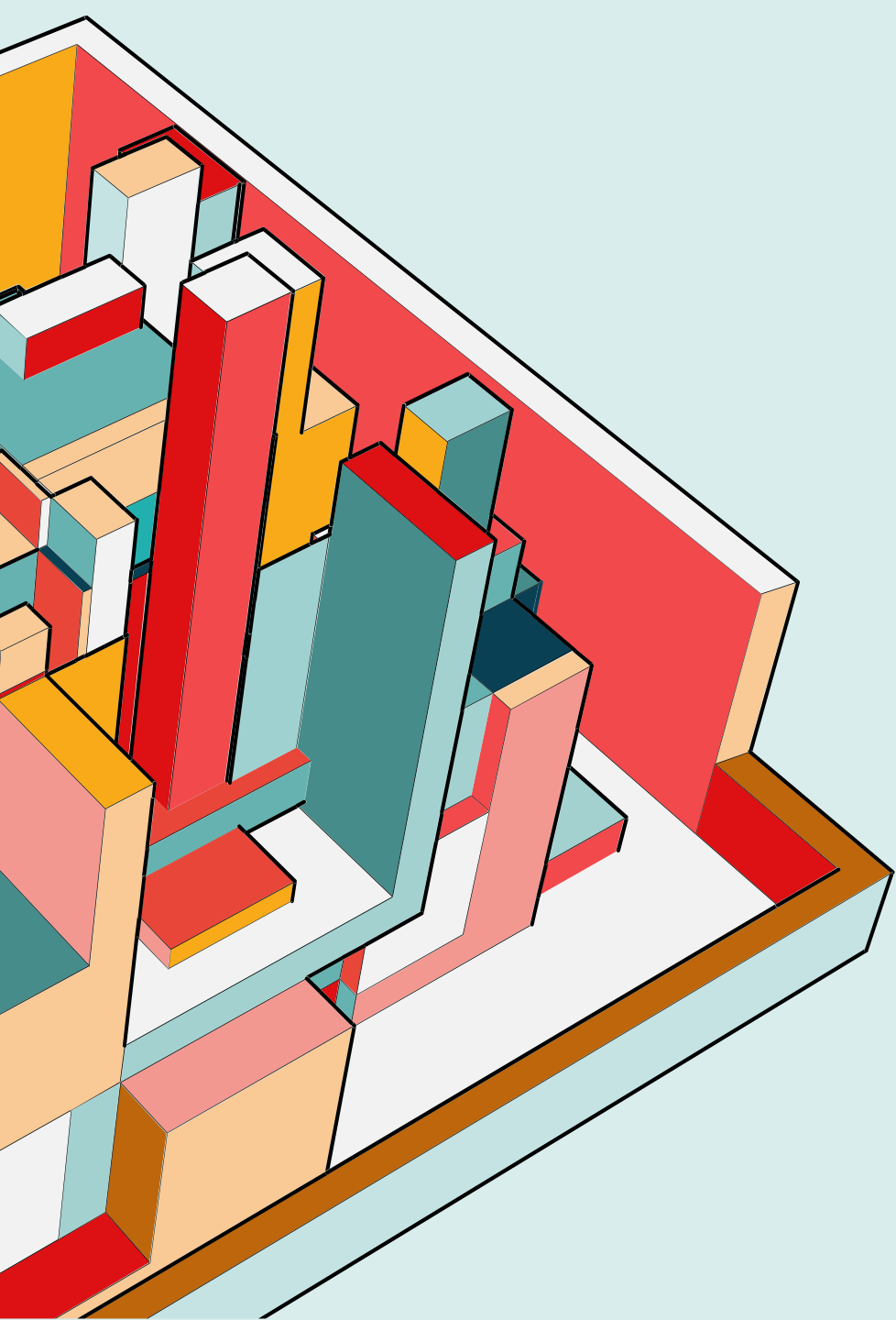
How to use SQL in Research (Project)



# Agenda

1. Introduction to SQL
2. Join types
3. Practice SQL commands using Adventure Works database
4. Entity Relationship Diagrams
5. Tiny Exercise
6. Create a database using the Mimic-III Clinical data
7. Epic Cosmos for Data Architecture
8. Q&A





# INTRODUCTION TO SQL

# What is SQL?

**SQL (Structured Query Language)** is a standardized language used to manage and interact with data in **relational databases** (e.g., SQL Server, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle).

- **Brief History-**

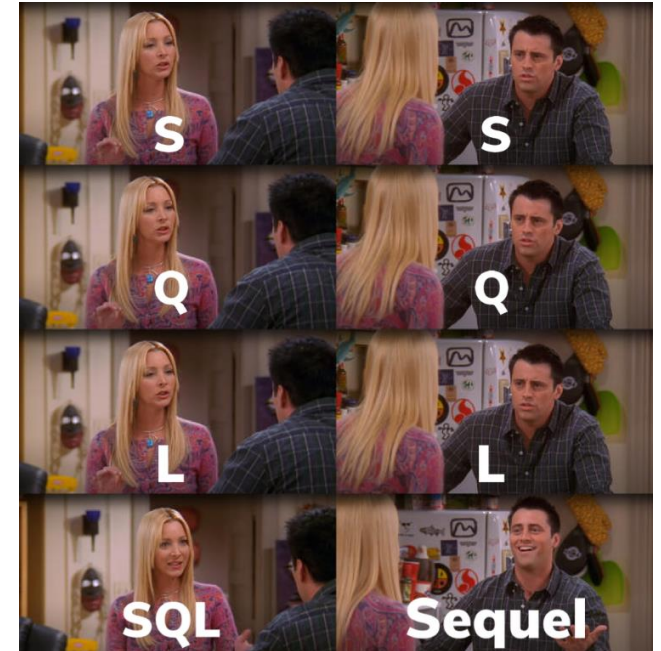
- SQL was created in the 1970s by IBM
- adopted commercially by Oracle in 1979
- standardized by American National Standards Institute (ANSI) in 1986.

- **Key SQL Functions:**

- DDL (Data Definition Language)**: Create, alter, or drop tables and structures.
- DML (Data Manipulation Language)**: Insert, update, delete, and query data.
- DCL (Data Control Language)**: Grant or revoke user access and permissions.

- SQL is **declarative** language- you describe *what* you want, not *how* to do it.

- While syntax may vary slightly across systems, core SQL commands are consistent.



# SQL Order of Writing vs. Order of Execution

# 1. Order of Writing (How You Write the Query)

## SELECT column

FROM table

## WHERE condition

## GROUP BY column

## HAVING condition

## ORDER BY column

## LIMIT number;

## 2. Order of Execution (How SQL Actually Processes It)

1. **FROM** → Identify the tables and join them if needed.
2. **WHERE** → Filter rows that meet the condition.
3. **GROUP BY** → Group the remaining rows.
4. **HAVING** → Filter groups based on conditions.
5. **SELECT** → Choose the columns or calculations to output.
6. **ORDER BY** → Sort the final results.
7. **LIMIT / OFFSET** (if used) → Return only the required number of rows.

# "Silly Frog Wear Green Hat On Lake"



# Some common terminologies used-

- **Syntax** → The *rules and structure* for writing SQL statements (like grammar in a language).

*Example:* `SELECT column_name FROM table_name WHERE condition;` is the syntax pattern.

- **Command** → A specific SQL *instruction* that tells the database what to do.

*Example:* `SELECT * FROM Customers;` is a command to retrieve all customer data.

- **Clause** → A *component or section* of an SQL command that performs a specific task.

*Example:* In `SELECT Name FROM Customers WHERE Country = 'USA';`, the `WHERE Country = 'USA'` part is a clause that filters results.



# Data types: SQL Server (SSMS) vs. SQLite

Usage	SQL Server (SSMS) Data Type	SQLite Data Type	Example Usage
Whole numbers	INT, BIGINT, SMALLINT, TINYINT	INTEGER	Storing counts, IDs (CustomerID = 101)
Decimal numbers	DECIMAL(p,s), NUMERIC(p,s)	REAL (for floating point), NUMERIC (for fixed precision)	Storing prices (Price = 19.99), weights
Floating point	FLOAT, REAL	REAL	Scientific values, measurements
Fixed-length text	CHAR(n)	TEXT	Country codes ('US')
Variable-length text	VARCHAR(n), NVARCHAR(n), TEXT	TEXT	Names, descriptions
Large text	TEXT (deprecated: NTEXT)	TEXT	Articles, comments
Date and time	DATE, DATETIME, DATETIME2, TIME	TEXT (ISO format), REAL (Julian), or INTEGER (Unix timestamp)	Birthdates, timestamps
Boolean values	BIT	No dedicated type – use INTEGER (0/1)	Yes/No flags (IsActive = 1)
Binary data	VARBINARY, BINARY, IMAGE (deprecated)	BLOB	Storing images, files
Unique identifier	UNIQUEIDENTIFIER (GUID)	TEXT	UUIDs for unique records
Money values	MONEY, SMALLMONEY	No dedicated type – use NUMERIC or REAL	Product prices, salaries
Arrays / JSON	Not native – use NVARCHAR(MAX) or JSON (in Azure SQL)	TEXT (store JSON)	Storing structured JSON data

## Notes:

- **SQLite** doesn't have strict types like SQL Server, and it uses something called *type affinity*, meaning the type you declare is more flexible.
- **SQL Server** strictly enforces data types, while **SQLite** is more relaxed, which means you could accidentally store different kinds of data in the same column if you're not careful.
- In SQLite, the main data type categories are **TEXT**, **REAL**, **INTEGER**, **BLOB**, and **NUMERIC**.



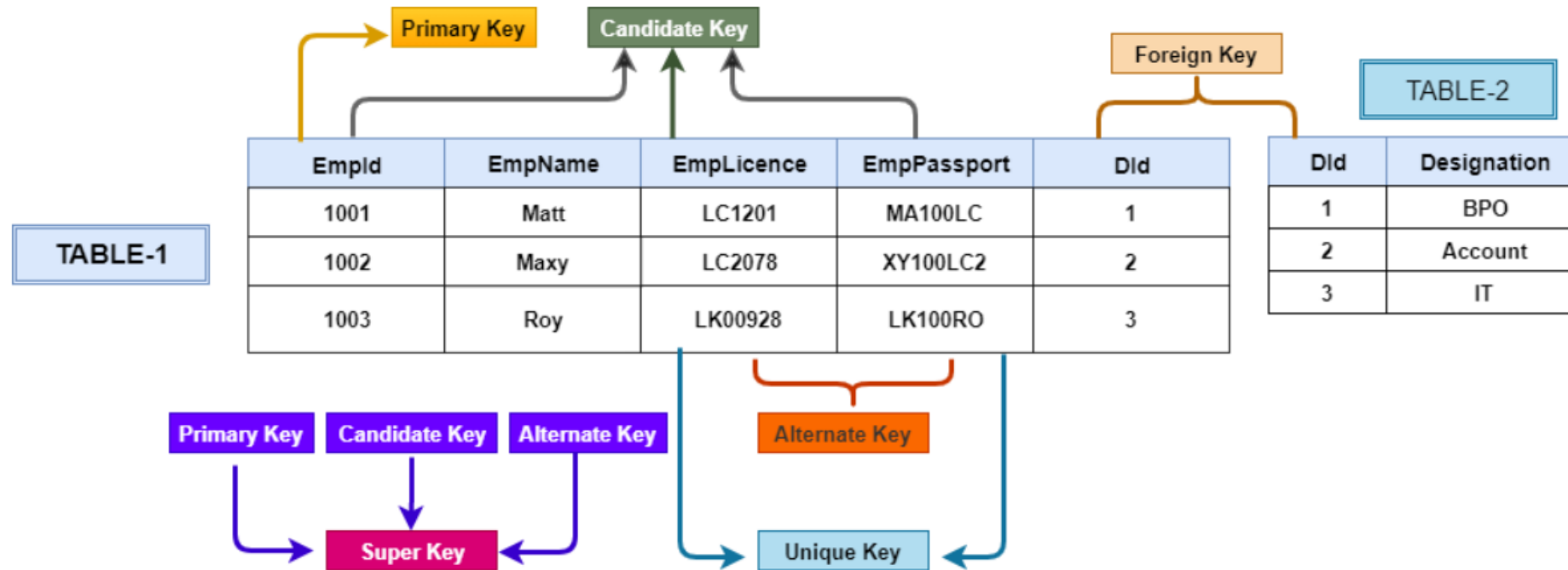
# Important terms

## 1. Database Structure

- **Database** - A structured collection of data.
- **Table** - A collection of rows and columns storing related data.
- **Record/Tuple** - A single data entry in a table or the row.
- **Field/Attribute** - A specific category of data within a table or the column.
- **Schema** - Blueprint or structure of the database.
- **Index** - Improves search speed in a table.
- **View** - A saved query that displays data from one or more tables.







## 2. Keys & Relationships

- **Primary Key** - Unique identifier for a row in a table.
- **Foreign Key** - A field linking to the primary key of another table.
- **Composite Key** - Combination of two or more columns used as a unique identifier.
- **Candidate Key** - Possible columns that could serve as a primary key.
- **Unique Key** - Ensures all values in a column are unique.



### 3. SQL Commands

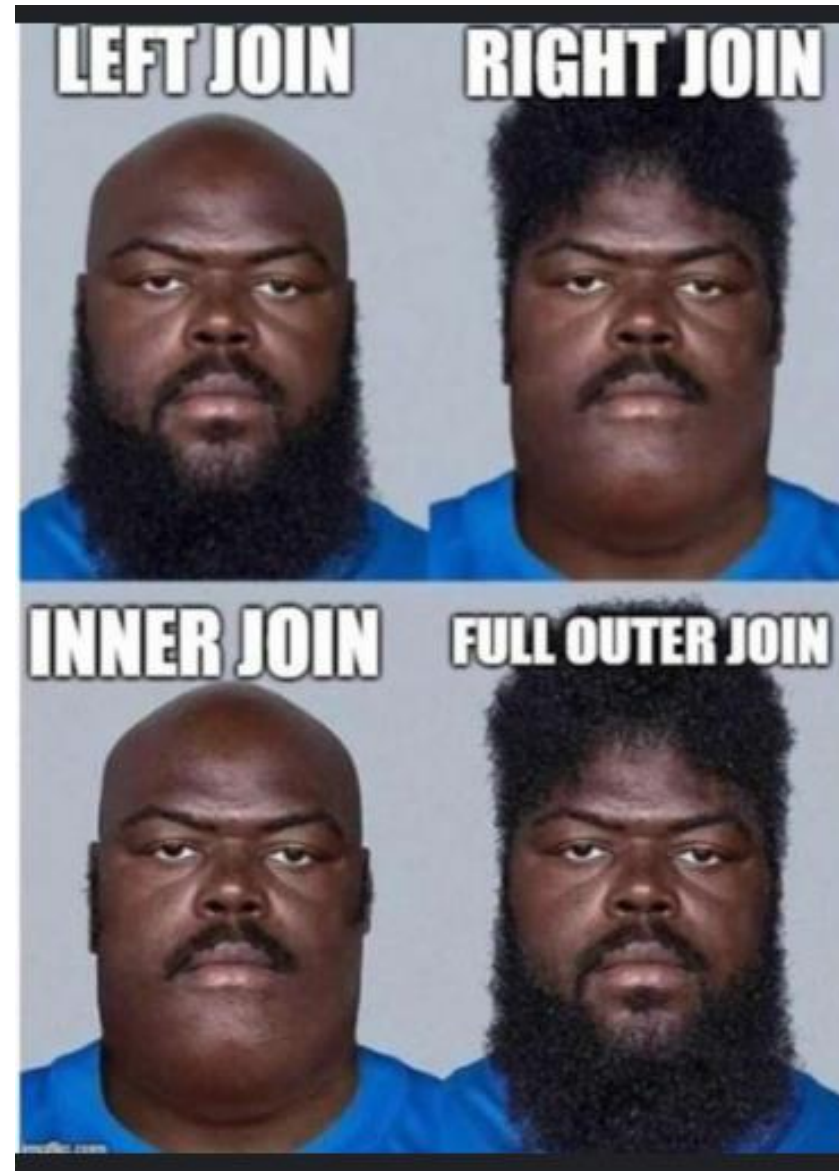
- **DDL (Data Definition Language)** – CREATE, ALTER, DROP, TRUNCATE (structure-related commands).
- **DML (Data Manipulation Language)** – SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE (data-related commands).
- **DCL (Data Control Language)** – GRANT, REVOKE (permissions).
- **TCL (Transaction Control Language)** – COMMIT, ROLLBACK, SAVEPOINT (transactions).

### 4. Data & Query Concepts

- **Data Type** – Defines the type of data (INT, VARCHAR, DATE, BOOLEAN).
- **NULL** – Represents missing or unknown data.
- **Constraint** – Rules applied to data (NOT NULL, CHECK, DEFAULT).
- **Join** – Combines rows from two or more tables (INNER, LEFT, RIGHT, FULL).
- **Subquery** – A query inside another query.
- **Alias** – Temporary name for a table or column.



# JOIN TYPES



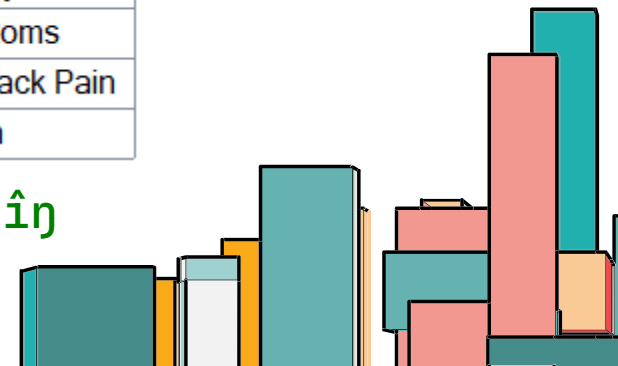
# INNER JOIN

	PatientID	PatientName	DateOfBirth
1	1	Emma Johnson	1985-04-12
2	2	Liam Smith	1990-09-20
3	3	Olivia Brown	1978-12-05
4	4	Noah Davis	2000-01-15
5	5	Ava Wilson	1995-07-03
6	6	Sophia Martinez	1982-03-22
7	7	Lucas Anderson	1975-11-11
8	8	Mia Thomas	1998-06-08
9	9	Elijah Taylor	1989-05-25
10	10	Isabella Moore	1992-10-10

	AppointmentID	PatientID	AppointmentDate	VisitReason
1	101	1	2025-07-01	Annual Physical
2	102	2	2025-07-03	Flu Symptoms
3	103	6	2025-07-05	Chronic Back Pain
4	104	11	2025-07-06	Headache
5	105	12	2025-07-07	Follow-up Visit
6	106	9	2025-07-08	Skin Rash

	PatientID	PatientName	DateOfBirth	AppointmentID	PatientID	AppointmentDate	VisitReason
1	1	Emma Johnson	1985-04-12	101	1	2025-07-01	Annual Physical
2	2	Liam Smith	1990-09-20	102	2	2025-07-03	Flu Symptoms
3	6	Sophia Martinez	1982-03-22	103	6	2025-07-05	Chronic Back Pain
4	9	Elijah Taylor	1989-05-25	106	9	2025-07-08	Skin Rash

Chọn lọc kết quả từ bảng Patients và bảng Appointments dựa trên điều kiện PatientID bằng nhau.



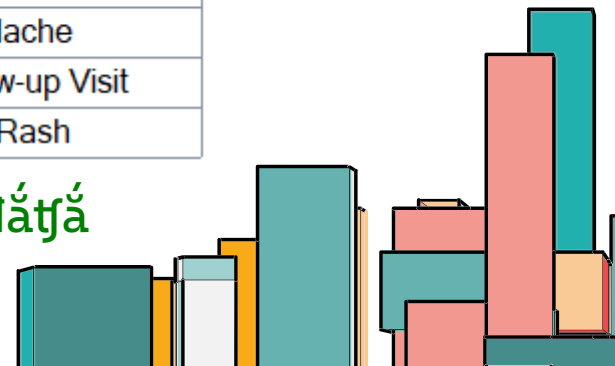
# RIGHT JOIN

	PatientID	PatientName	DateOfBirth
1	1	Emma Johnson	1985-04-12
2	2	Liam Smith	1990-09-20
3	3	Olivia Brown	1978-12-05
4	4	Noah Davis	2000-01-15
5	5	Ava Wilson	1995-07-03
6	6	Sophia Martinez	1982-03-22
7	7	Lucas Anderson	1975-11-11
8	8	Mia Thomas	1998-06-08
9	9	Elijah Taylor	1989-05-25
10	10	Isabella Moore	1992-10-10

	AppointmentID	PatientID	AppointmentDate	VisitReason
1	101	1	2025-07-01	Annual Physical
2	102	2	2025-07-03	Flu Symptoms
3	103	6	2025-07-05	Chronic Back Pain
4	104	11	2025-07-06	Headache
5	105	12	2025-07-07	Follow-up Visit
6	106	9	2025-07-08	Skin Rash

	PatientID	PatientName	DateOfBirth	AppointmentID	PatientID	AppointmentDate	VisitReason
1	1	Emma Johnson	1985-04-12	101	1	2025-07-01	Annual Physical
2	2	Liam Smith	1990-09-20	102	2	2025-07-03	Flu Symptoms
3	6	Sophia Martinez	1982-03-22	103	6	2025-07-05	Chronic Back Pain
4	NULL	NULL	NULL	104	11	2025-07-06	Headache
5	NULL	NULL	NULL	105	12	2025-07-07	Follow-up Visit
6	9	Elijah Taylor	1989-05-25	106	9	2025-07-08	Skin Rash

Kết quả của JOIN RIGHT giữa bảng Appointments và bảng Patients sẽ trả về tất cả các bản ghi từ bảng Appointments, bao gồm cả những bản ghi mà PatientID là NULL.



# LEFT JOIN

	PatientID	PatientName	DateOfBirth
1	1	Emma Johnson	1985-04-12
2	2	Liam Smith	1990-09-20
3	3	Olivia Brown	1978-12-05
4	4	Noah Davis	2000-01-15
5	5	Ava Wilson	1995-07-03
6	6	Sophia Martinez	1982-03-22
7	7	Lucas Anderson	1975-11-11
8	8	Mia Thomas	1998-06-08
9	9	Elijah Taylor	1989-05-25
10	10	Isabella Moore	1992-10-10

	AppointmentID	PatientID	AppointmentDate	VisitReason
1	101	1	2025-07-01	Annual Physical
2	102	2	2025-07-03	Flu Symptoms
3	103	6	2025-07-05	Chronic Back Pain
4	104	11	2025-07-06	Headache
5	105	12	2025-07-07	Follow-up Visit
6	106	9	2025-07-08	Skin Rash

	PatientID	PatientName	DateOfBirth	AppointmentID	PatientID	AppointmentDate	VisitReason
1	1	Emma Johnson	1985-04-12	101	1	2025-07-01	Annual Physical
2	2	Liam Smith	1990-09-20	102	2	2025-07-03	Flu Symptoms
3	3	Olivia Brown	1978-12-05	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL
4	4	Noah Davis	2000-01-15	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL
5	5	Ava Wilson	1995-07-03	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL
6	6	Sophia Martinez	1982-03-22	103	6	2025-07-05	Chronic Back Pain
7	7	Lucas Anderson	1975-11-11	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL
8	8	Mia Thomas	1998-06-08	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL
9	9	Elijah Taylor	1989-05-25	106	9	2025-07-08	Skin Rash
10	10	Isabella Moore	1992-10-10	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL

Kiểm tra tất cả số khớp giữa Bảng Bệnh nhân và Bảng Đặt lịch khám để đảm bảo rằng tất cả bệnh nhân đều có lịch khám.



# FULL OUTER JOIN

	PatientID	PatientName	DateOfBirth
1	1	Emma Johnson	1985-04-12
2	2	Liam Smith	1990-09-20
3	3	Olivia Brown	1978-12-05
4	4	Noah Davis	2000-01-15
5	5	Ava Wilson	1995-07-03
6	6	Sophia Martinez	1982-03-22
7	7	Lucas Anderson	1975-11-11
8	8	Mia Thomas	1998-06-08
9	9	Elijah Taylor	1989-05-25
10	10	Isabella Moore	1992-10-10

	AppointmentID	PatientID	AppointmentDate	VisitReason
1	101	1	2025-07-01	Annual Physical
2	102	2	2025-07-03	Flu Symptoms
3	103	6	2025-07-05	Chronic Back Pain
4	104	11	2025-07-06	Headache
5	105	12	2025-07-07	Follow-up Visit
6	106	9	2025-07-08	Skin Rash

	PatientID	PatientName	DateOfBirth	AppointmentID	PatientID	AppointmentDate	VisitReason
1	1	Emma Johnson	1985-04-12	101	1	2025-07-01	Annual Physical
2	2	Liam Smith	1990-09-20	102	2	2025-07-03	Flu Symptoms
3	3	Olivia Brown	1978-12-05	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL
4	4	Noah Davis	2000-01-15	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL
5	5	Ava Wilson	1995-07-03	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL
6	6	Sophia Martinez	1982-03-22	103	6	2025-07-05	Chronic Back Pain
7	7	Lucas Anderson	1975-11-11	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL
8	8	Mia Thomas	1998-06-08	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL
9	9	Elijah Taylor	1989-05-25	106	9	2025-07-08	Skin Rash
10	10	Isabella Moore	1992-10-10	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL
11	NULL	NULL	NULL	104	11	2025-07-06	Headache
12	NULL	NULL	NULL	105	12	2025-07-07	Follow-up Visit

Cộnginės ấỉ sớx ợsợn cộth thê Rắtiệntợ ấắắế ấợ thê Ảớớợntợntợ  
ấắắế ấắợhợng ợhệsê ợợssắắế ấợ ợỉỉợng ợủỉỉ ợhệsê ợộ ấắợh ỉs  
ợợợợ

Copyright belongs to Deboleena Thakur





# Summary Table

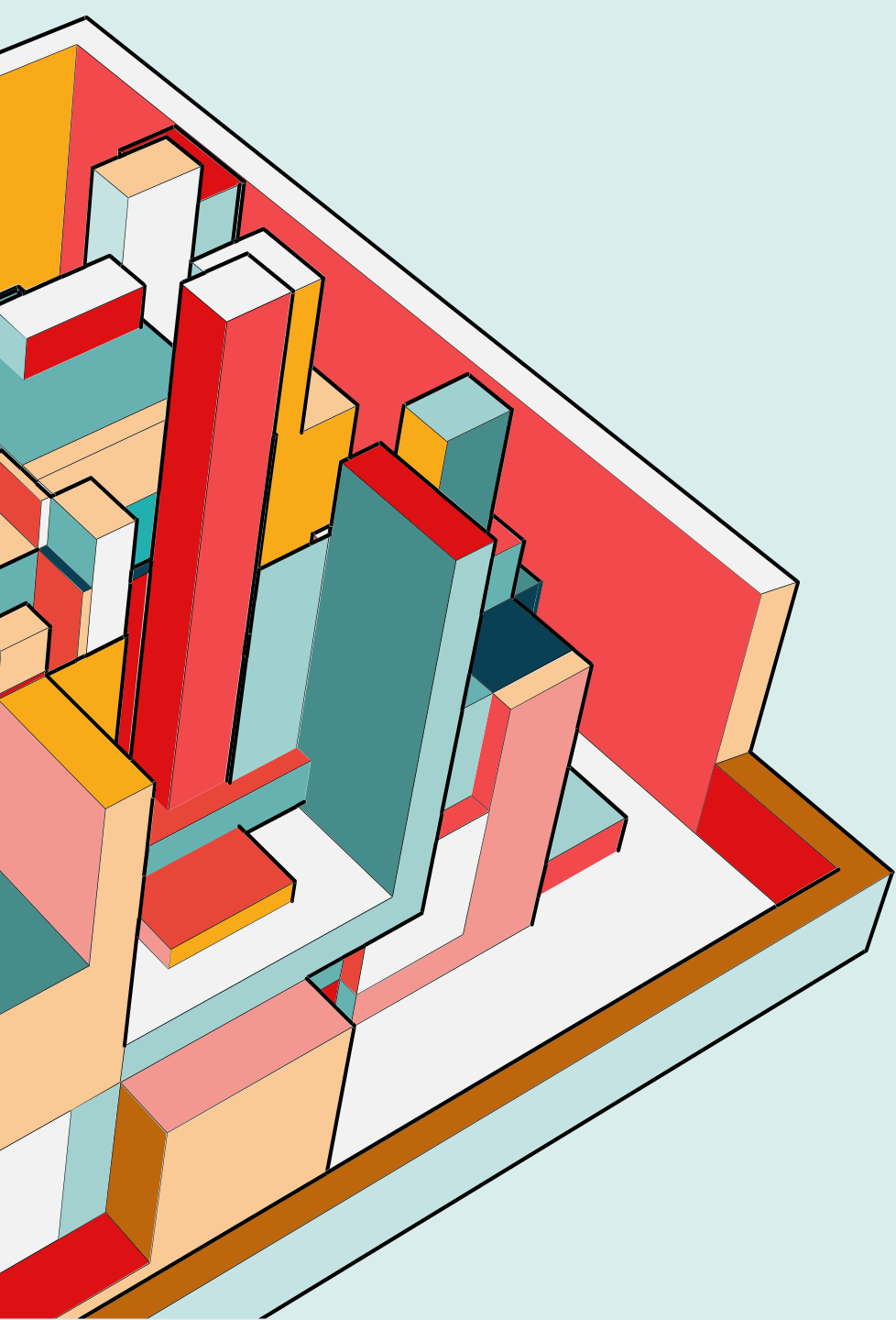
Join Type	Description
<b>INNER JOIN</b>	Only matching rows
<b>LEFT JOIN</b>	All left rows + matching right rows
<b>RIGHT JOIN</b>	All right rows + matching left rows
<b>FULL OUTER JOIN</b>	All rows from both sides
<b>CROSS JOIN</b>	Cartesian product of both tables
<b>SELF JOIN</b>	Join a table with itself
<b>NATURAL JOIN**</b>	Join on same-named columns (not in SQL Server)
<b>ANTI JOIN</b>	Rows from one side with <b>no match</b> on the other
<b>SEMI JOIN</b>	Rows from left where a match exists on right

\*\* NATURAL JOIN is not supported in SSMS

<<Check out the SQL script how the **BONUS** join types work>>







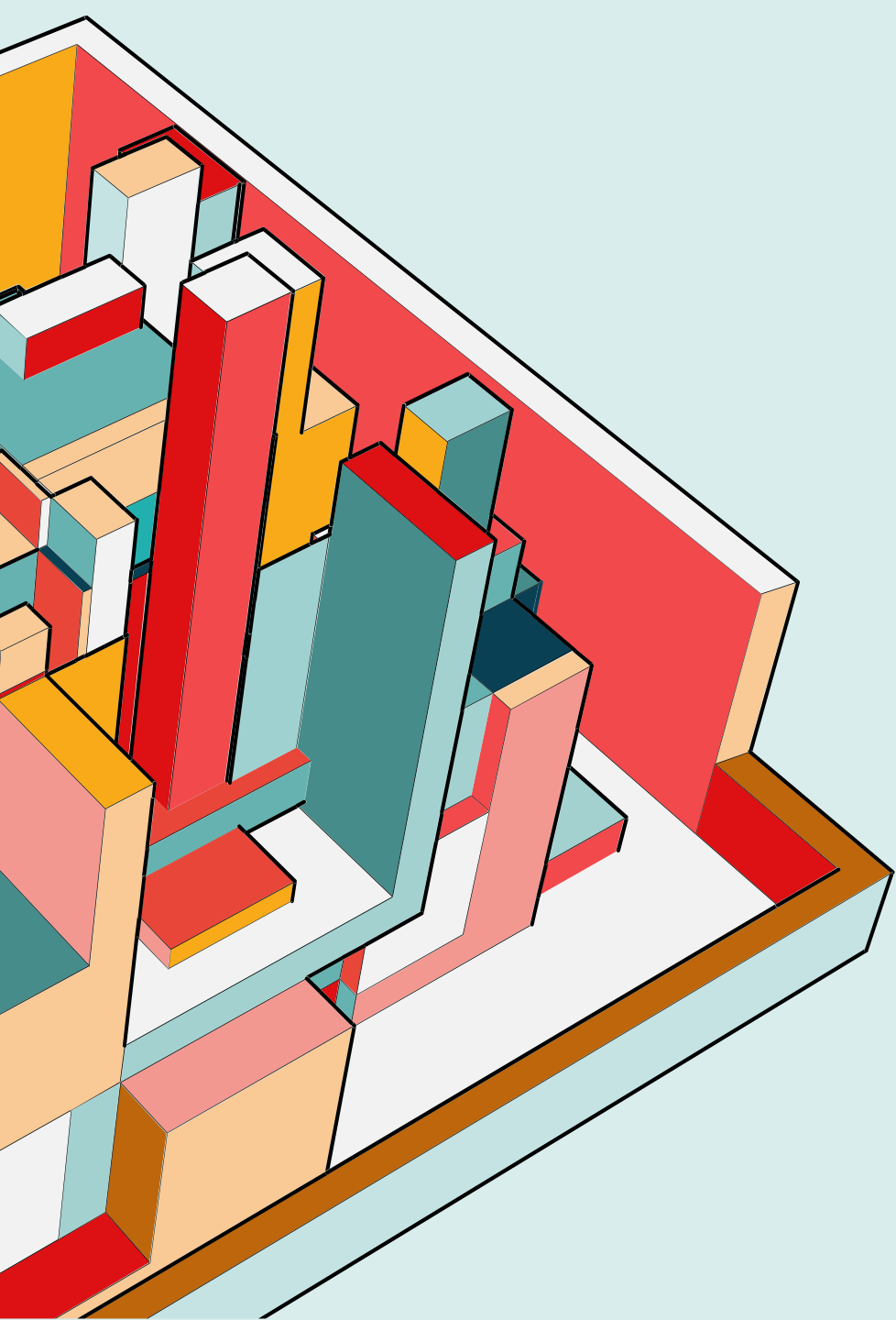
# **PRACTICE SQL COMMANDS USING THE ADVENTUREWORKS DATABASE**

# SQL commands using the AdventureWorks database

The AdventureWorks database is a fictional retail business dataset created by Microsoft to demonstrate SQL Server features. It models a bicycle manufacturing company, so it includes:

- Sales data (e.g., customers, orders, products)
- Human resources data (e.g., employees, departments)
- Production and inventory
- Purchasing and suppliers





# ENTITY RELATIONSHIP DIAGRAMS

# Types of Relationships in ERD:

- One-to-One (1:1)

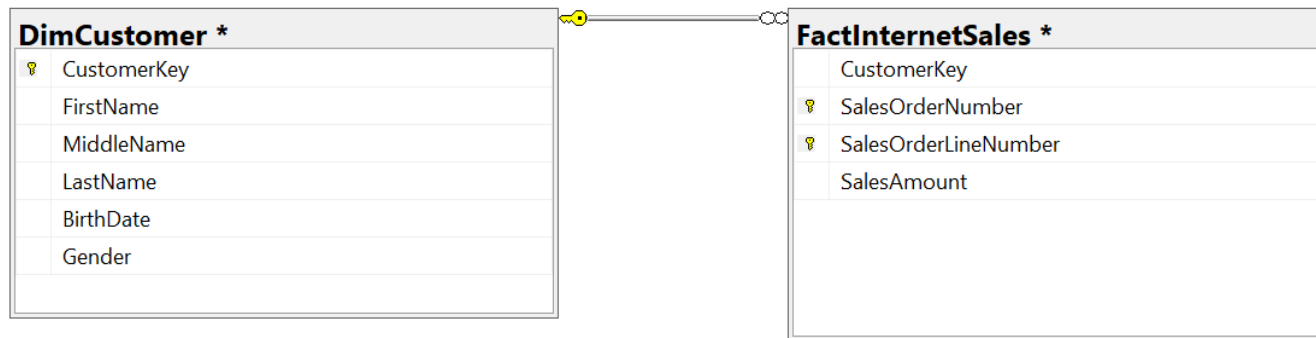
Each record in Table A relates to exactly one record in Table B, and vice versa.

- One-to-Many (1:N)

One record in Table A can relate to multiple records in Table B. Most common relationship.

- Many-to-Many (M:N)

Records in Table A can relate to multiple records in Table B and vice versa. Usually implemented via a junction table.



The ERD represents a **one-to-many relationship**.

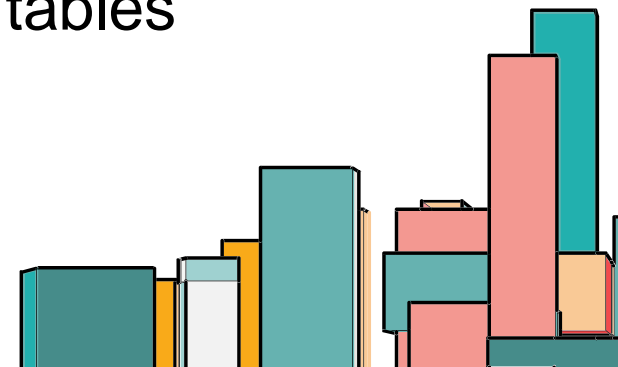
- One** customer (from the DimCustomer table).
- Can have **many** sales transactions (in the FactInternetSales table).

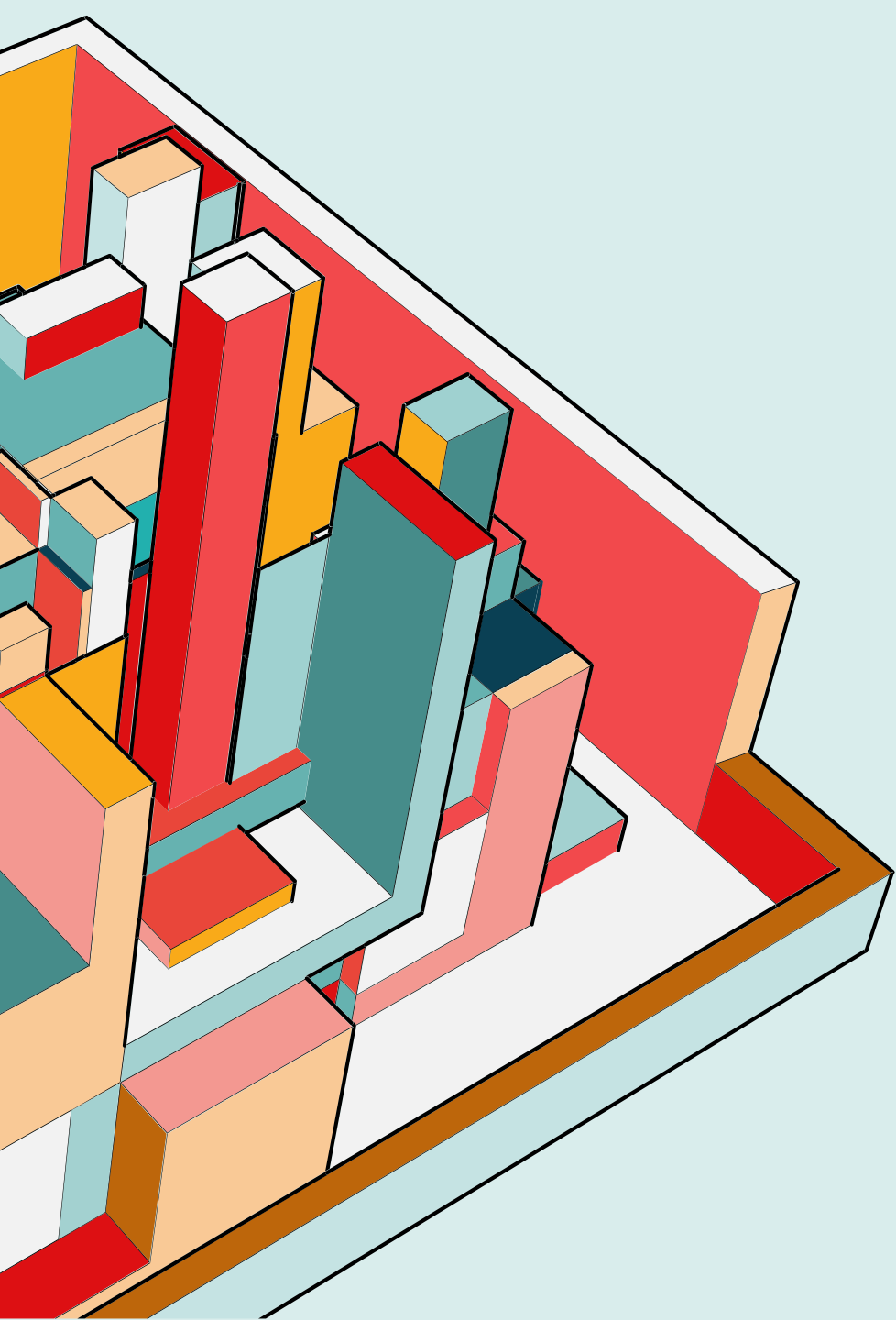


# Tiny Exercise-



- Apart from the two tables shown, explore the various tables in the Adventure Works database.
- Look for Primary Keys and Foreign keys.
- Find two suitable tables that you can use to practice the JOIN types on the AdventureWorks database.
- Create an ERD to show the relationship between two tables selected.





# **CREATE AND LOAD THE MIMIC-III CLINICAL DATABASE**

# Explore the MIMIC-III Clinical Database

- **MIMIC** stands for *Medical Information Mart for Intensive Care*. MIMIC-III is a free, de-identified ICU database of 40,000+ patients (2001-2012) containing detailed clinical data for research in epidemiology, decision support, and healthcare analytics.

-It was developed by the MIT Laboratory for Computational Physiology to support research in critical care and healthcare analytics.

Physionet- <https://physionet.org/>

Mimic-III- <https://physionet.org/content/mimiciii/1.4/>

- MSSMS do not support tables in .csv format directly and needs to be converted.
- Convert the CSV files to SQL Server compatible files (.csv to .bak) on the SSMS platform

Create a database> Tasks>Import Flat File...>Load .csv file

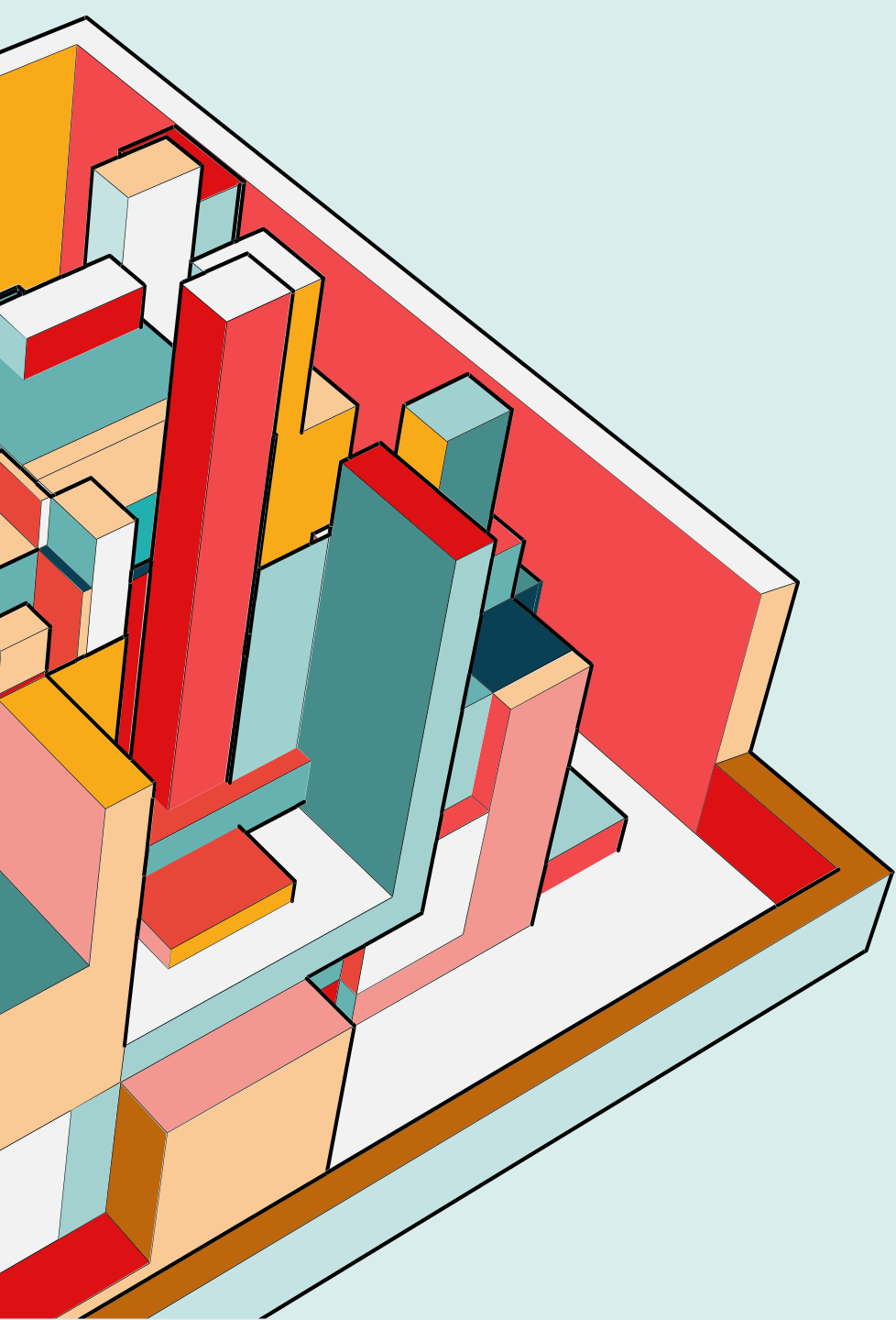


## Project-

Using the MIMIC-III database, write an SQL query in SSMS to join the **Admissions**, **Patients**, and **Caregivers** tables to find each patient's age, gender, admission details, and the number of caregivers involved per admission. Then filter the results for patients over 60 years old and sort them by admission date in descending order.







# **EPIC COSMOS FOR DATA ARCHITECTURE**

- The Epic Cosmos Data Science Virtual Machine (DSVM) uses the SQL Server
- Main database used- COSMOS
- Other databases available- Clarity, Caboodle, etc.

Link- <https://userweb.epic.com/>



**THANK YOU!**

