



Master Roadmap — Database Systems (End-to-End)

This roadmap shows **all 22 phases**, their **dependencies**, and the **progression from foundations → internals → distributed → analytics → emerging technologies**.



Level 1 — Foundations (Must-learn Basics)

Phase 1 → Foundations of Databases
Phase 2 → Data Modeling & ERD
Phase 3 → Relational Model & Constraints
Phase 4 → Relational Algebra
Phase 4.5 → Data Types & Storage Formats



These phases build conceptual correctness before SQL or performance topics.



Level 2 — Core SQL & Data Quality

Phase 5 → SQL Basics
Phase 6 → Intermediate SQL
Phase 7 → Normalization Theory



You now understand how to design clean schemas and write correct queries.



Level 3 — Performance & Internals


Phase 8 → Indexing & Query Optimization
Phase 9 → Transactions, Concurrency & Locking
Phase 10 → Storage Engines & DB Architecture



This level explains HOW databases actually work internally.


Level 4 — Server-side Logic & Security

Phase 11 → Stored Procedures, Triggers & Cursors
Phase 12 → Database Security

 *Enterprise-grade database usage and protection.*

Level 5 — Non-Relational & Scalability

Phase 13 → NoSQL & Modern Data Systems
Phase 14 → High Availability & Replication

 *Beyond single-node relational databases.*


Level 6 — Analytics & Decision Systems

Phase 15 → Data Warehousing & OLAP

 *Databases for reporting, BI, and analytics.*

Level 7 — Recovery & Fault Tolerance

Phase 16 → Database Recovery Techniques

 *Guaranteeing durability and crash recovery.*

Level 8 — Distributed Databases

Phase 17 → Distributed Databases & Client-Server Architecture

 *Coordination, distribution, and multi-node systems.*



Level 9 — Extended & Object-Oriented Databases

Phase 18 → Object-Relational & Extended-Relational Systems

Phase 19 → Object Database Standards & Design



Extending relational systems with complex data & objects.



Level 10 — Semi-Structured & Web Data

Phase 20 → XML & Internet Databases



Bridges traditional DBs with web and semi-structured data.



Level 11 — Analytics & Knowledge Discovery

Phase 21 → Data Mining Concepts



Extracting knowledge from large datasets.



Level 12 — Modern & Emerging Technologies

Phase 22 → Emerging Database Technologies & Applications

Includes: - Mobile databases - GIS & multimedia databases - GraphQL & federated data access - Data Lake & Lakehouse - Cloud databases (RDS, Aurora) - Global distributed SQL (Spanner)



Dependency Summary (High-level Flow)

Foundations



Modeling & Theory



SQL & Normalization



Performance & Internals

↓
Security & Server Logic
↓
NoSQL & Scalability
↓
Analytics & Warehousing
↓
Recovery & Distribution
↓
Object / Semi-Structured Data
↓
Mining, Cloud & Emerging Systems

Final Outcome

By completing all **22 phases**, a learner can: - Design correct and scalable schemas - Optimize and debug slow queries - Understand DB internals (storage, indexing, recovery) - Build secure, transactional systems - Scale databases across machines and regions - Work with NoSQL, cloud, lakehouse, and modern data platforms

➡ This roadmap aligns with **CS-grade DBMS theory, enterprise databases, and modern cloud data engineering**.