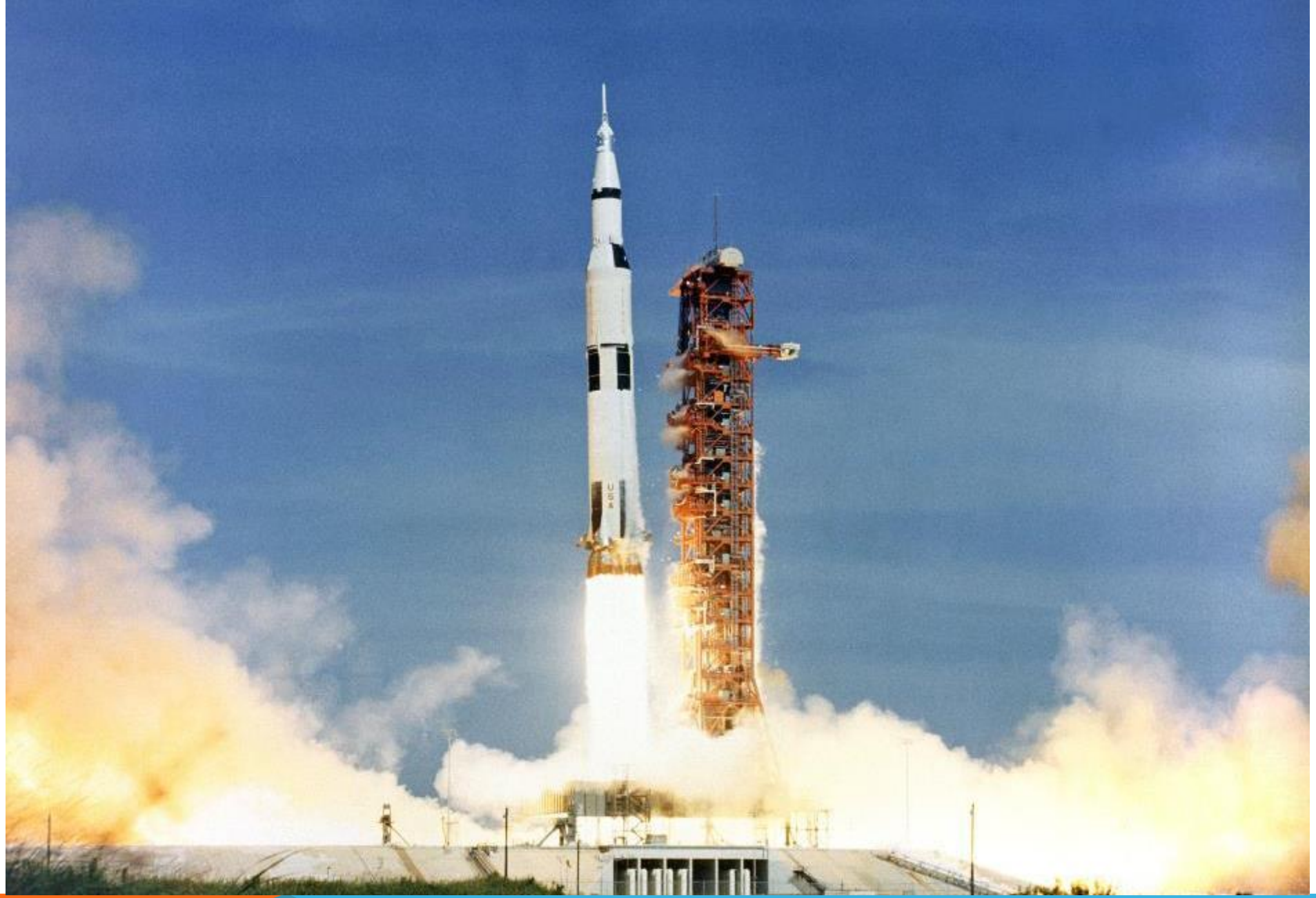
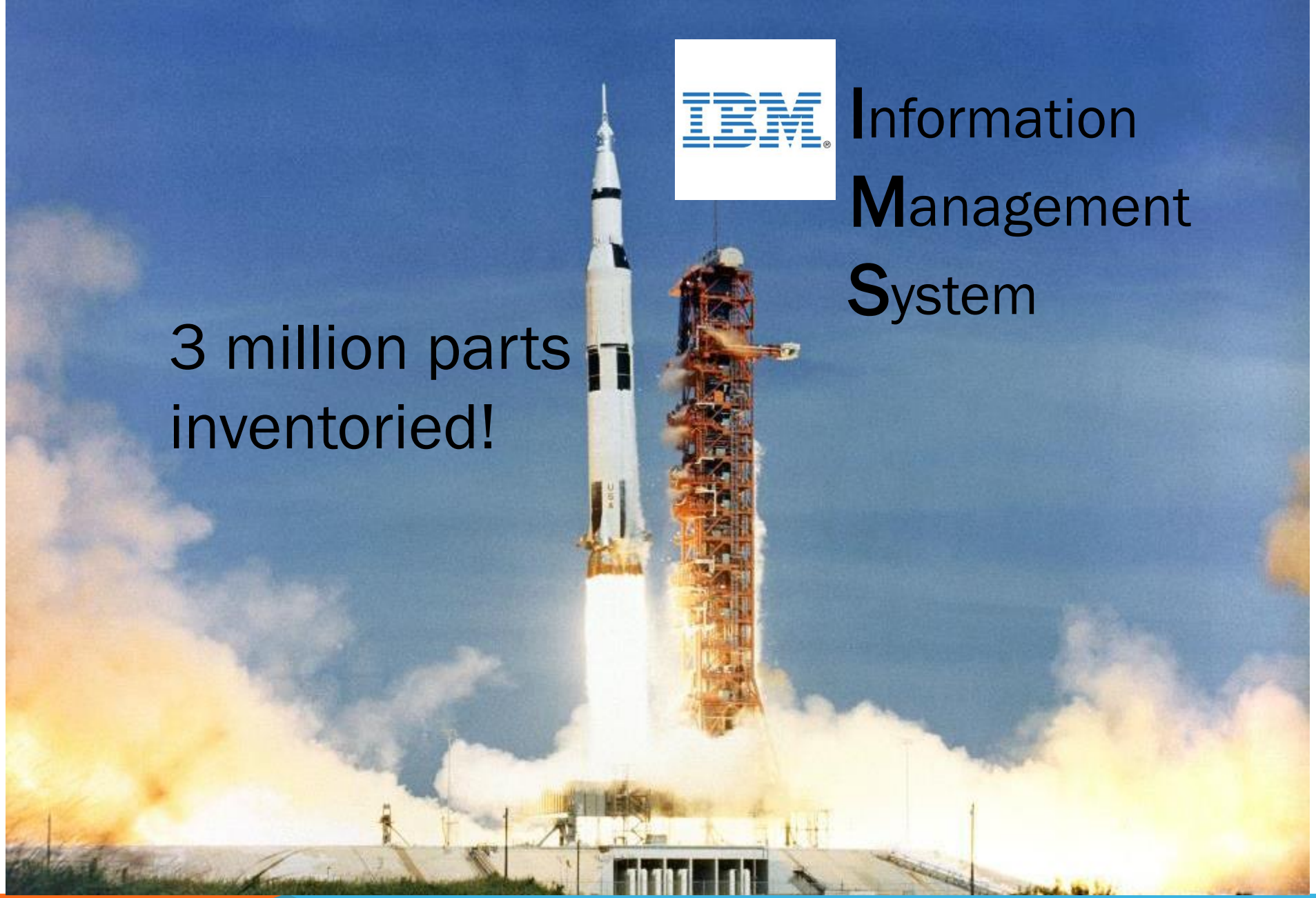
DATABASE INTRO

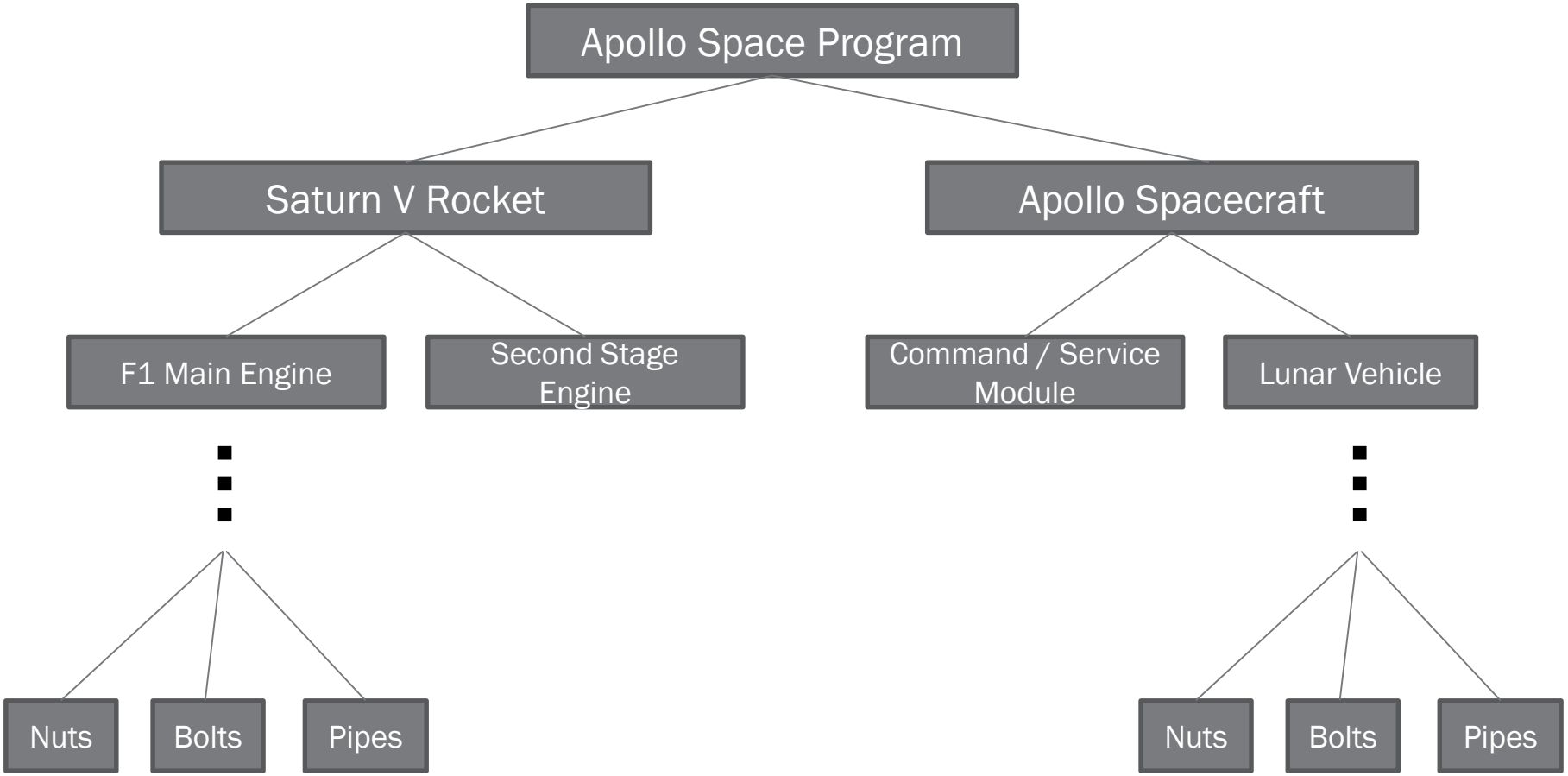
JOHN JERNIGAN 8/17/2020





1966: First Database Management System (DBMS)

IMS had a hierarchical “tree” structure, internally



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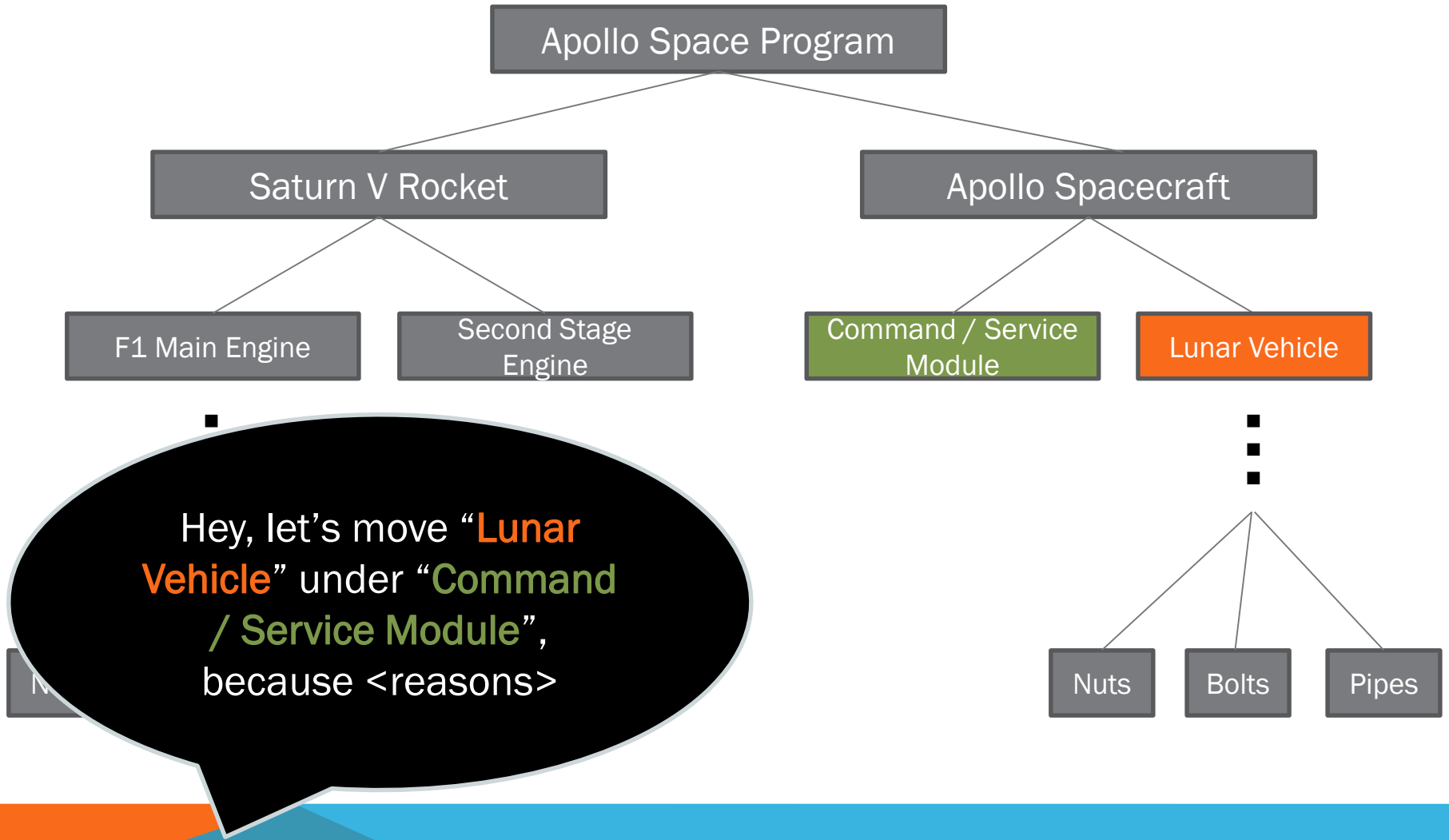

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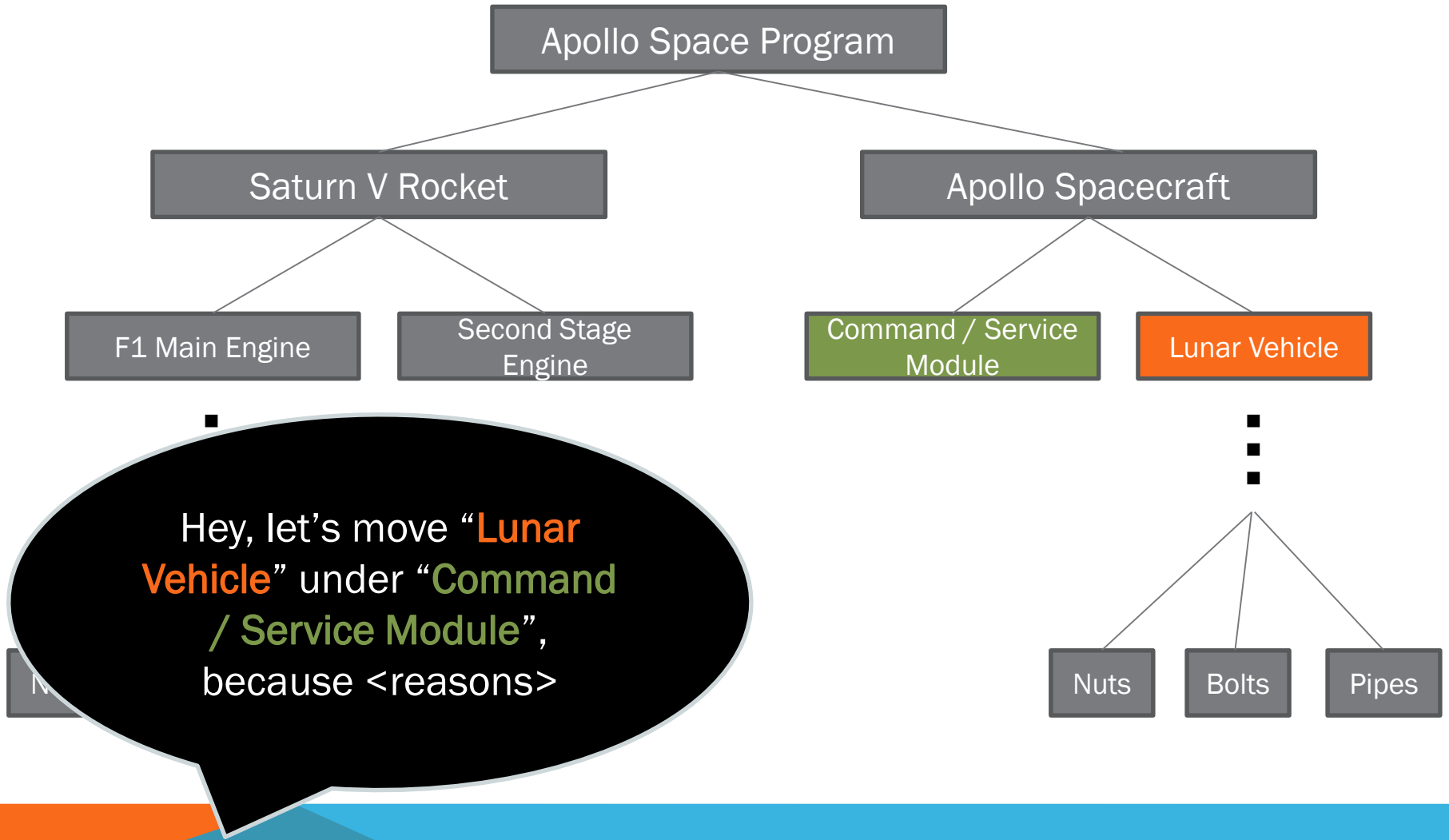

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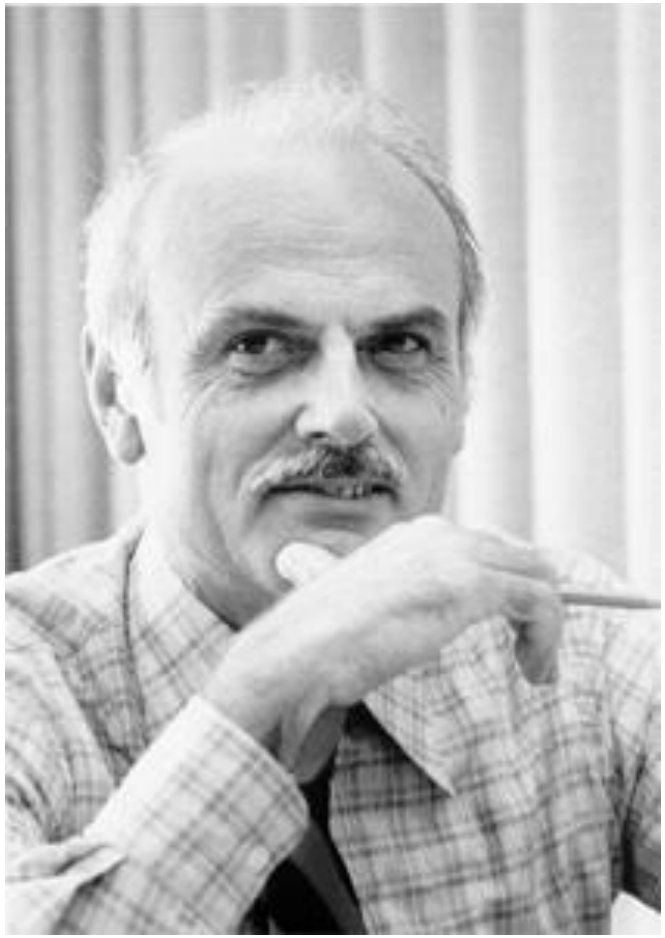

Information Retrieval

A Relational Model of Data for Large Shared Data Banks

E. F. Codd
IBM Research Laboratory, San Jose, California

Future users of large data banks must be protected from having to know how the data is organized in the machine (the internal representation). A prompting service which supplies such information is not a satisfactory solution. Activities of users at terminals and most application programs should remain unaffected when the internal representation of data is changed and even when some aspects of the external representation

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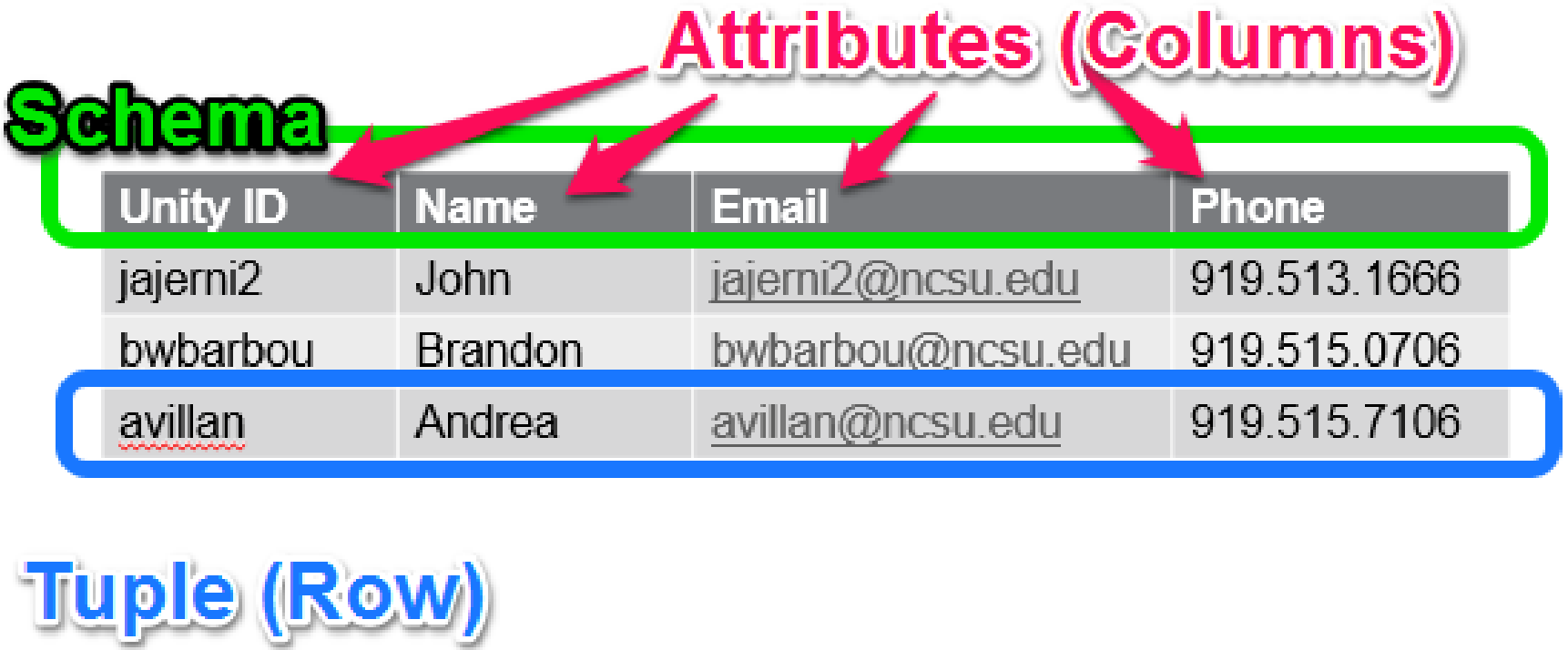
Relational Databases Use Table Structures, Not Trees



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avillan	Andrea	avillan@ncsu.edu	919.515.7106

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mysql> SELECT Name,Email FROM staff WHERE ‘Unity ID’=‘jajerni2’;

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Special Mention of Popular Database:

- Stripped-down
- Bare-essentials
- Still powerful (also: free)

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CLASSIC "BIG DATA" DEFINITION

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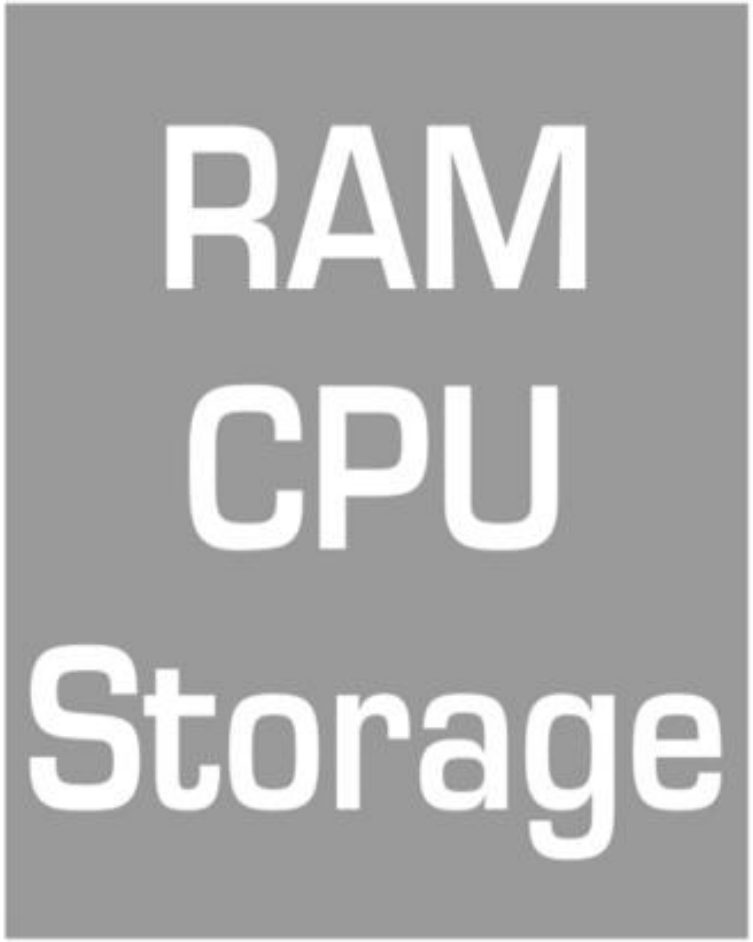

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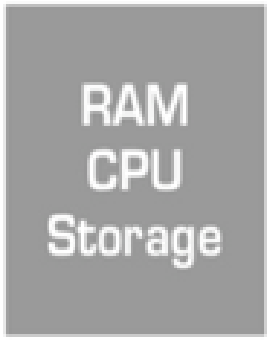

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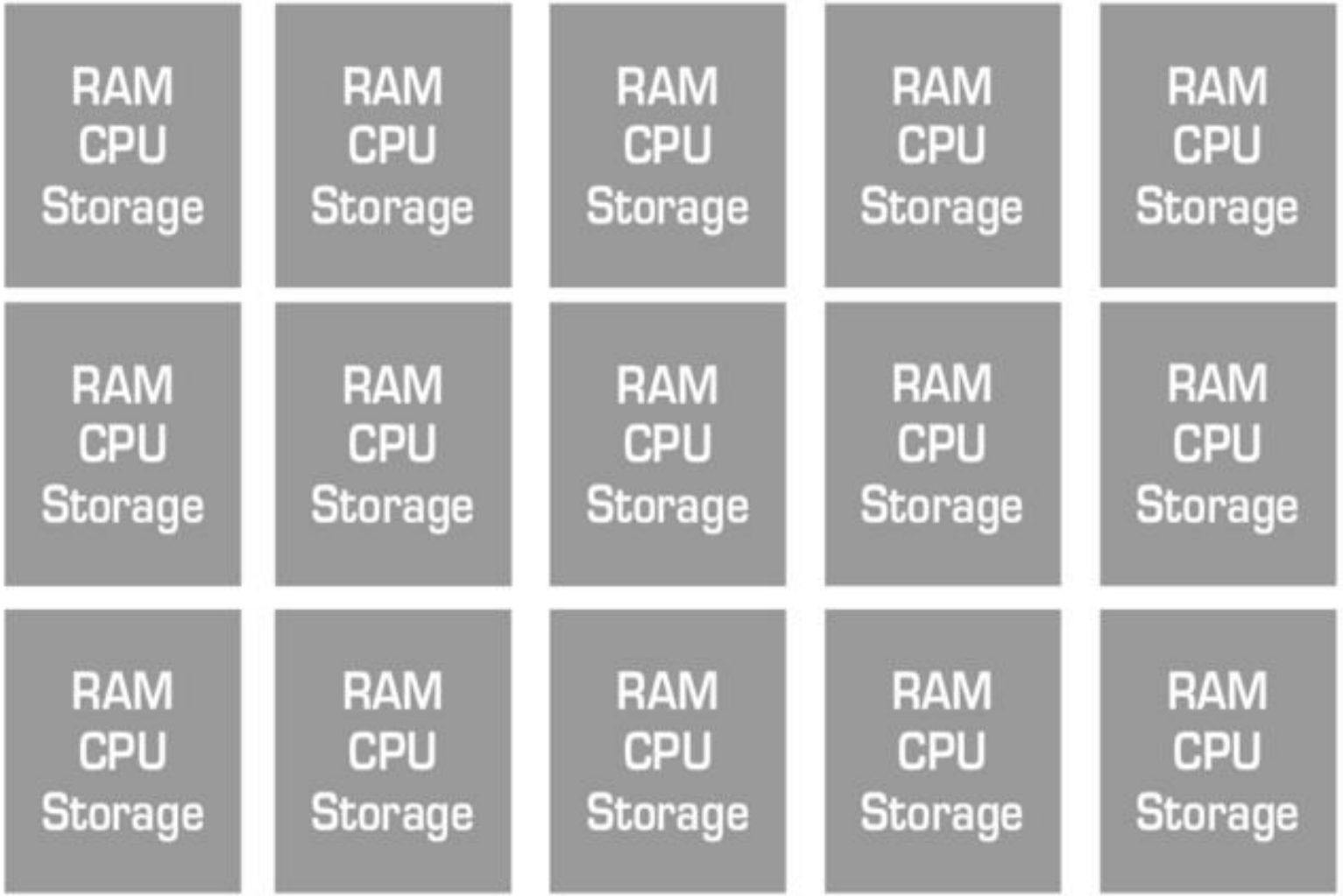

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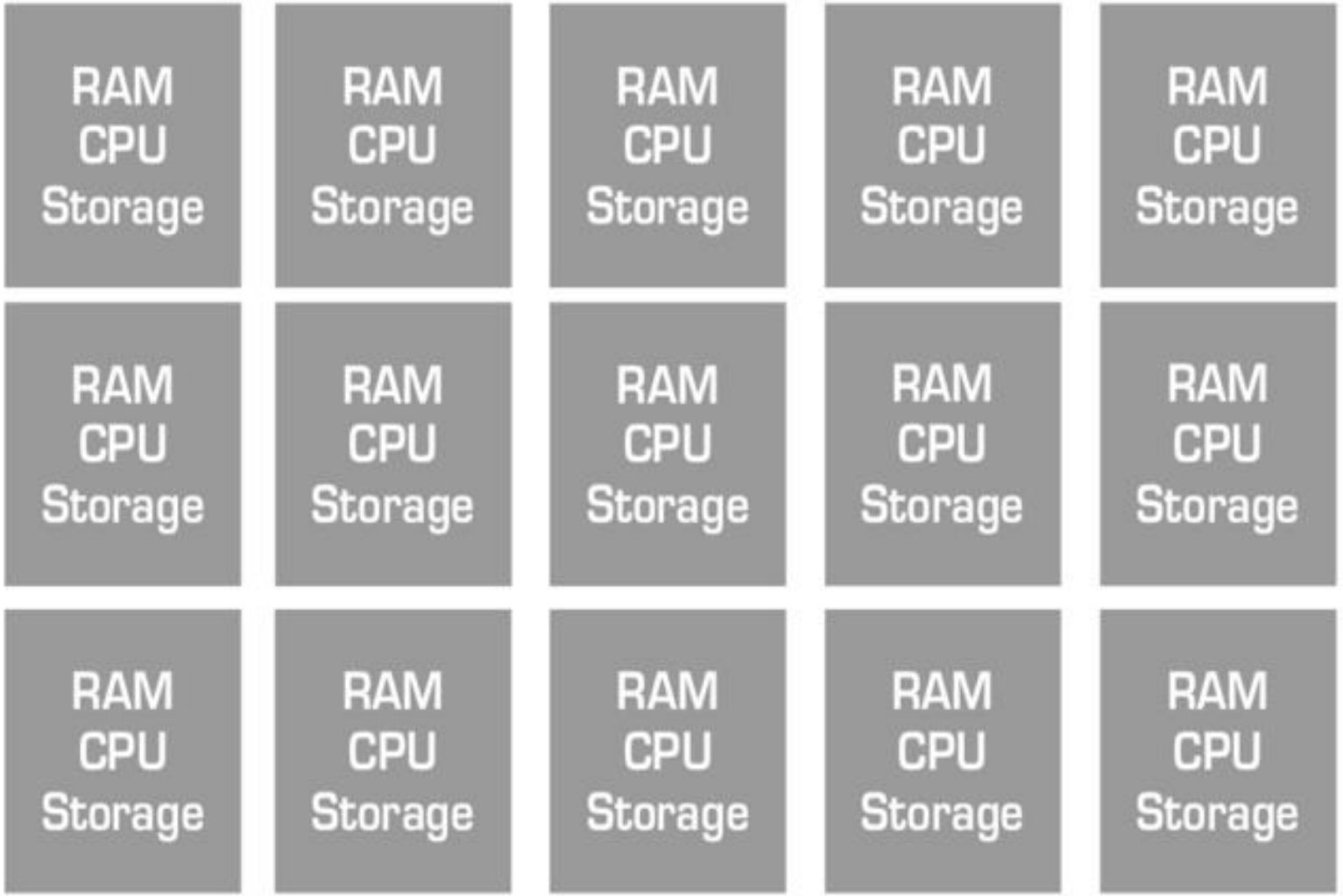

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They were called…

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It *seems* to mean
“not a relational database”

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Try:

CouchDB
relax

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Working with big key-value pairs?
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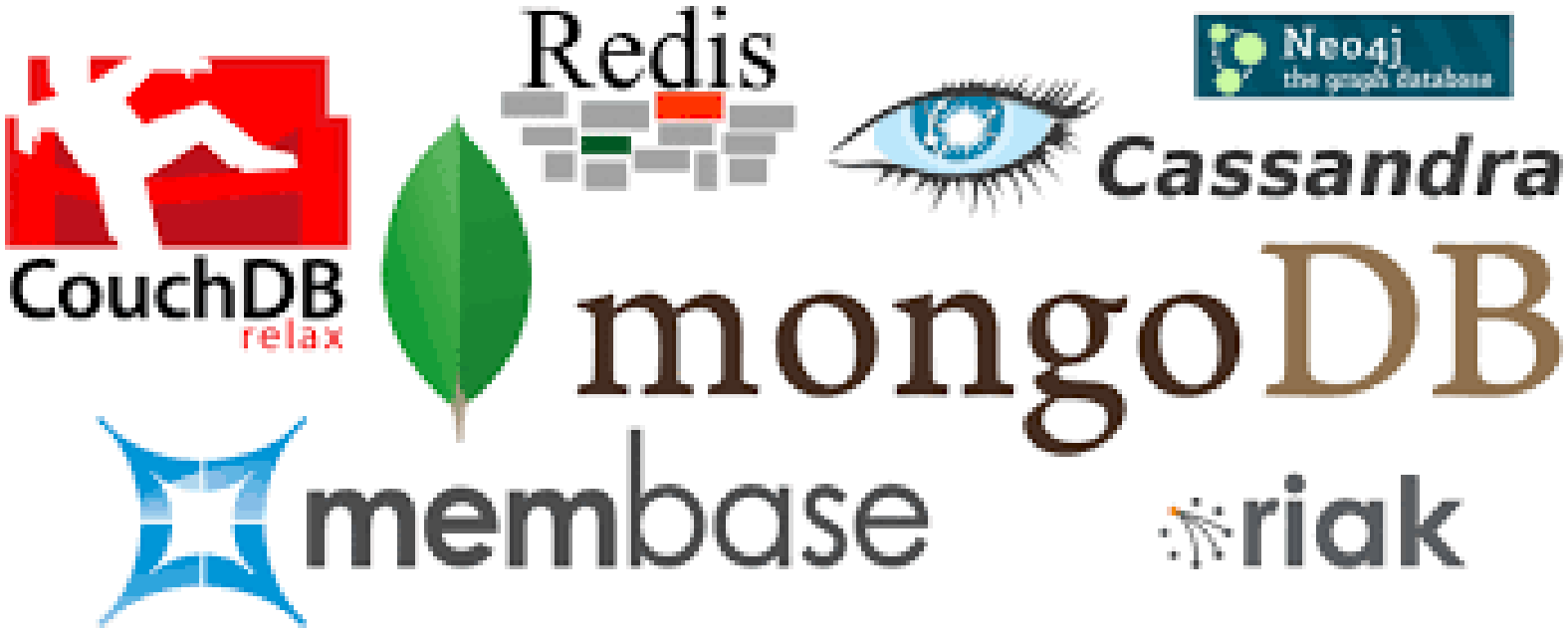

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Gartner "Strategic Planning Assumption":

By 2017, all leading operational DBMSs will offer multiple data models, relational and NoSQL, in a single DBMS platform.

https://www.gartner.com/doc/reprints?id=1-2PMFPEN&ct=151013&st=sb

RDBMS

NoSQL

RDBMS + NoSQL =
Flying Car

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e.g.

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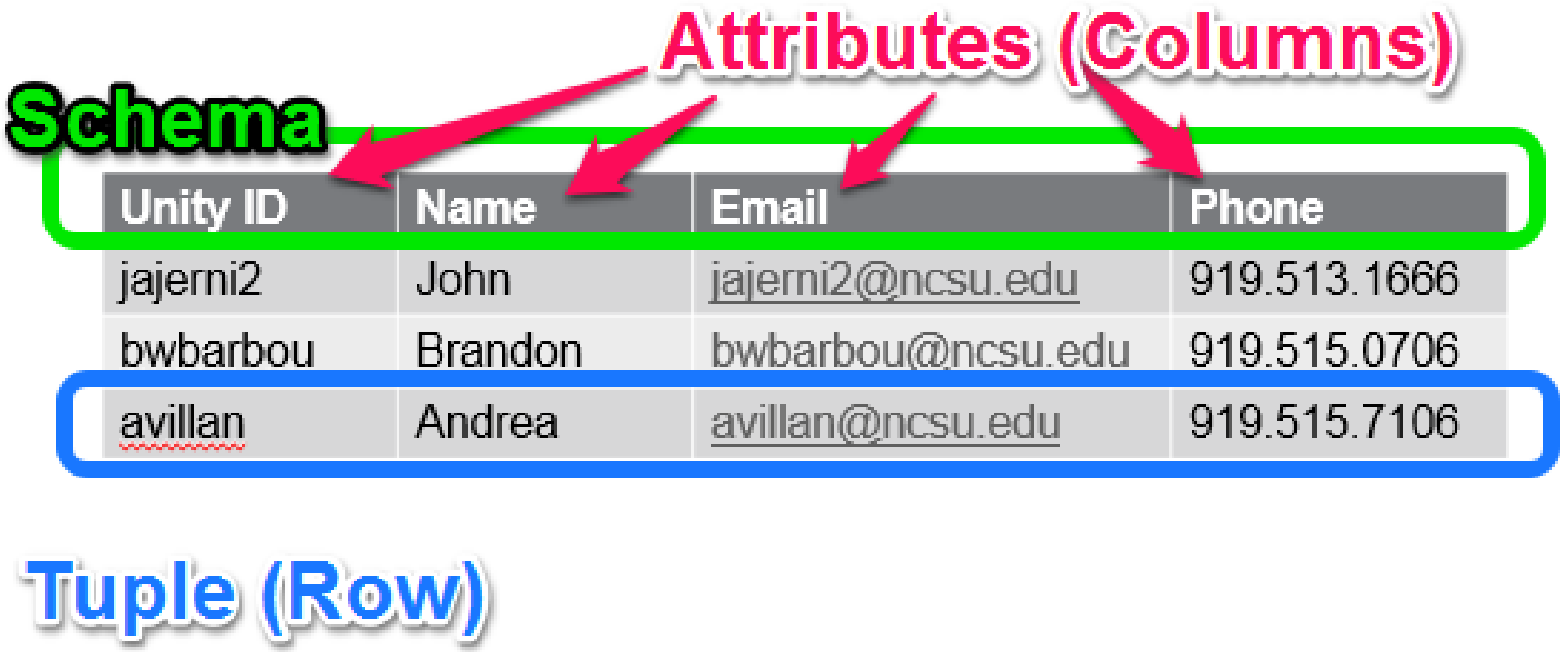
- Index updates are *performance overhead when data is added to database* which is a tradeoff to consider.

MSA Students:	Don't worry about this!
Real-World Production Systems:	Worry about this!

Consider Which Columns You are Querying Against

E.g. will you be searching the table by Name?
Unity ID? All columns?



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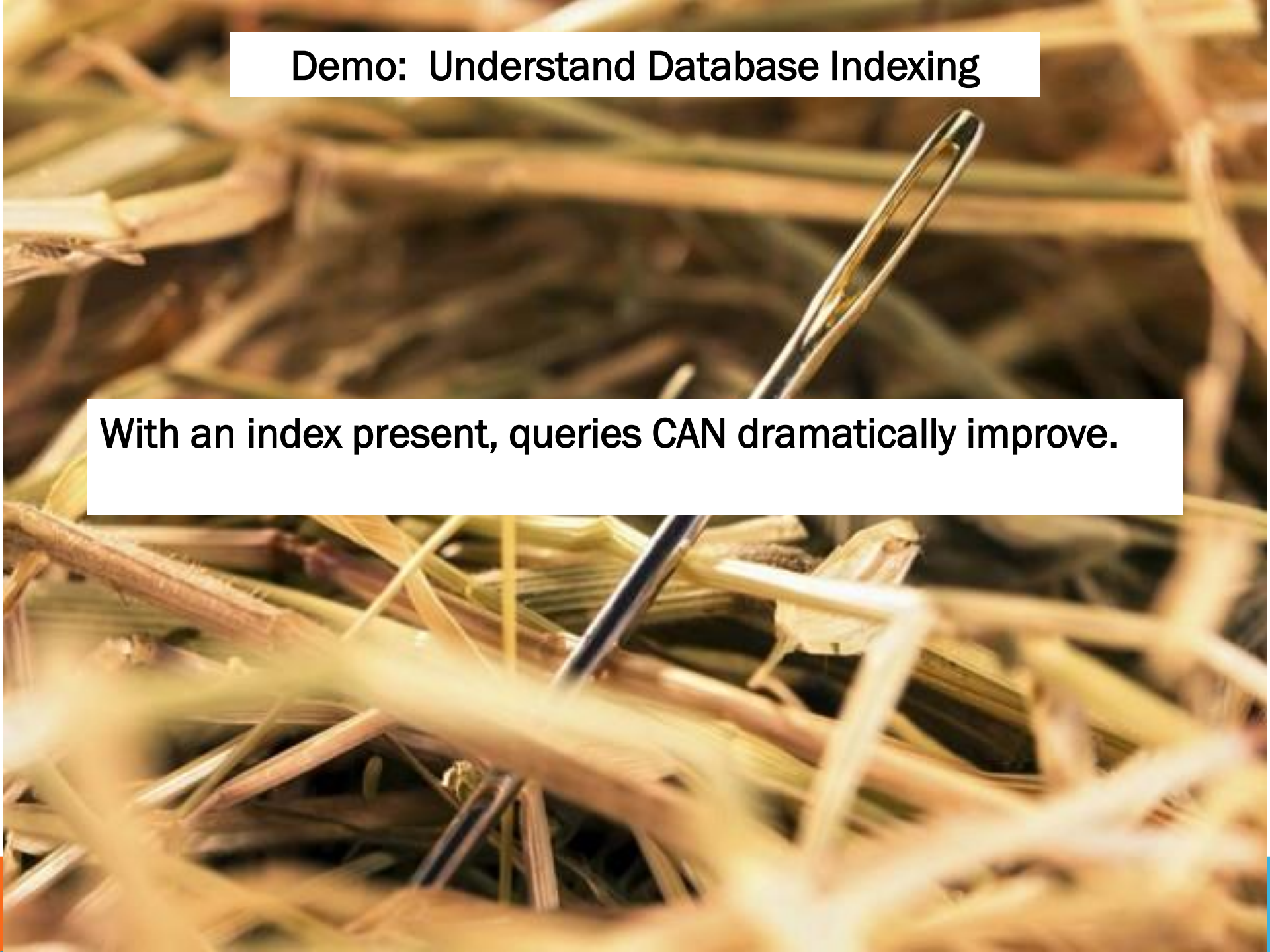

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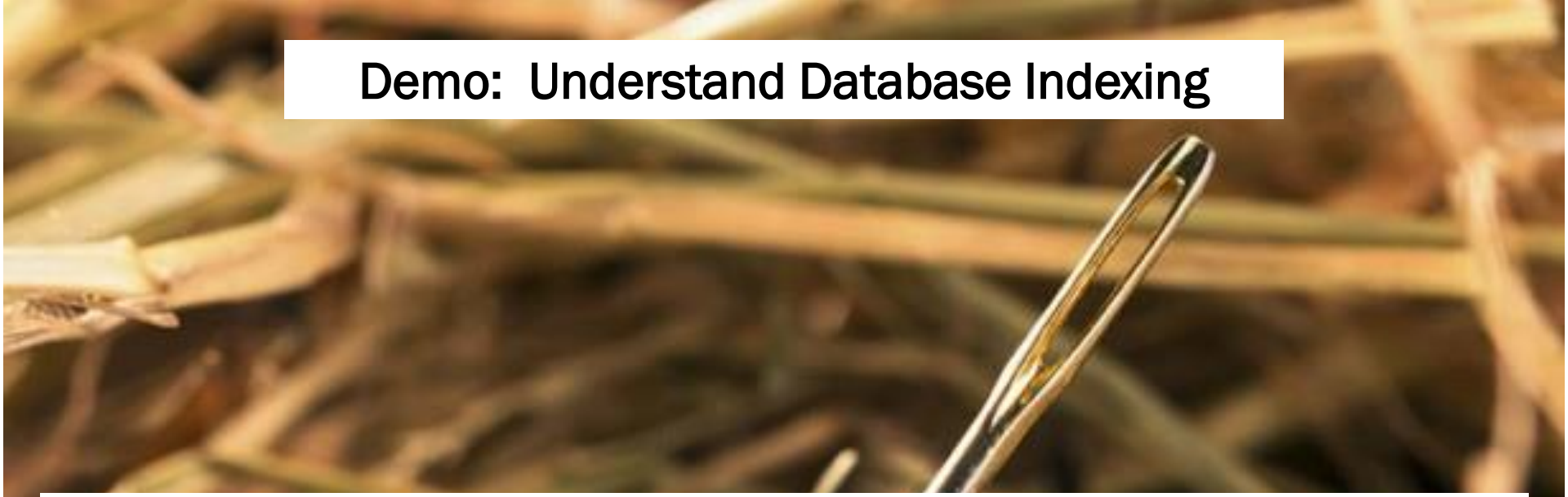

Indexes help with "finding a needle in a haystack".

They do not help (and do not hurt) if you're going to extract most of the database anyway:

SELECT COUNT(Unity_ID) FROM directory;

(this returns the number of NCSU students in a directory)

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This will save you time whenever you're looking for a small bit of data in a large dataset…

… but it's up to YOU to turn on indexing.

For more info on indexing…

- SAS Indexes: http://www2.sas.com/proceedings/sugi29/123-29.pdf
  Also: SAS Programming 3 book, section 3-5
- SQLite Indexes: http://www.sqlitetutorial.net/sqlite-index/
- PostgreSQL Indexes:
  https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/indexes.html
- General Info: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Database_index

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