# Lesson 3 Demo 3 Clustering Column

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## 1 Lesson 3 Demo 3: Focus on Clustering Columns

1.0.1 In this demo we are going to walk through the basics of creating a table with a good Primary Key and Clustering Columns in Apache Cassandra, inserting rows of data, and doing a simple SQL query to validate the information.

We will use a python wrapper/ python driver called cassandra to run the Apache Cassandra queries. This library should be preinstalled but in the future to install this library you can run this command in a notebook to install locally: ! pip install cassandra-driver #### More documentation can be found here: https://datastax.github.io/python-driver/

#### Import Apache Cassandra python package

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In [1]: import cassandra
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#### 1.0.2 First let's create a connection to the database

### 1.0.3 Let's create a keyspace to do our work in

Connect to our Keyspace. Compare this to how we had to create a new session in PostgreSQL.

- 1.0.4 Let's imagine we would like to start creating a new Music Library of albums.
- 1.0.5 We want to ask 1 question of our data
- 1. Give me every album in my music library that was released by an Artist with Albumn Name in DESC Order and City In DESC Order select \* from music\_library WHERE ARTIST\_NAME="The Beatles"
- 1.0.6 Here is our Collection of Data
- 1.0.7 How should we model this data? What should be our Primary Key and Partition Key? Since our data is looking for the ARTIST\_NAME let's start with that. From there we will need to add other elements to make sure the Key is unique. We also need to add the CITY and ALBUM\_NAME as Clustering Columns to sort the data. That should be enough to make the row key unique

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Table Name: music_library column 1: Year column 2: Artist Name column 3: Album Name Column 4: City PRIMARY KEY(artist name, album name, city)
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#### 1.0.8 Let's insert our data into of table

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except Exception as e:
    print(e)

try:
    session.execute(query, (1966, "The Monkees", "The Monkees", "Los Angeles"))
except Exception as e:
    print(e)

try:
    session.execute(query, (1970, "The Carpenters", "Close To You", "San Diego"))
except Exception as e:
    print(e)
```

1.0.9 Let's Validate our Data Model -- Did it work?? If we look for Albums from The Beatles we should expect to see 3 rows.

- 1.0.10 Success it worked! We created a unique Primary key that evenly distributed our data, with clustering columns that sorted our data.
- 1.0.11 For the sake of the demo, I will drop the table.

1.0.12 And Finally close the session and cluster connection