Lesson 3 Demo 1 2 Queries 2 Tables

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1.0.1 In this demo we are going to walk through the basics of creating a table in Apache Cassandra, inserting rows of data, and doing a simple SQL query to validate the information. We will talk about the importance of Denormalization, and that 1 table per 1 query is an encouraged practice with Apache Cassandra.

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 Music Library of albums.
- 1.0.5 We want to ask 2 questions of our data
- 1. Give me every album in my music library that was released in a given year select * from music_library WHERE YEAR=1970 #### 2. Give me every album in my music library that was created by a given artist

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select * from artist_library WHERE artist_name="The Beatles"
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- 1.0.6 Because I want to do two different quries, I am going to do need different tables that partition the data differently.
 - My music library table will be by year that will become my partition key, and artist name will be my clustering column to make each Primary Key unique.
 - My album library table will be by artist name that will be my partition key, and year will be
 my clustering column to make each Primary Key unique. More on Primary keys in the next
 lesson and demo.

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Table Name: music_library column 1: Year column 2: Artist Name column 3: Album Name PRIMARY KEY(year, artist name)
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Let's create both tables.
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In [5]: query = "CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS music_library "
    query = query + "(year int, artist_name text, album_name text, PRIMARY KEY (year, artist
    try:
        session.execute(query)
    except Exception as e:
        print(e)

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1.0.7 Let's insert some data into both tables

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query1 = "INSERT INTO album_library (artist_name, year, album_name)"
query1 = query1 + " VALUES (%s, %s, %s)"
try:
    session execute(query, (1970, "The Beatles", "Let it Be"))
except Exception as e:
   print(e)
try:
    session.execute(query, (1965, "The Beatles", "Rubber Soul"))
except Exception as e:
   print(e)
try:
    session.execute(query, (1965, "The Who", "My Generation"))
except Exception as e:
   print(e)
try:
    session.execute(query, (1966, "The Monkees", "The Monkees"))
except Exception as e:
    print(e)
try:
    session.execute(query, (1970, "The Carpenters", "Close To You"))
except Exception as e:
   print(e)
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    session.execute(query1, ("The Carpenters", 1970, "Close To You"))
except Exception as e:
    print(e)
```

1.0.8 This might have felt unnatural to insert duplicate data into two tables. If I just normalized these tables, I wouldn't have to have extra copies! While this is true, remember there are no JOINS in Apache Cassandra. For the benefit of high availabity and scalabity denormalization must be how this is done.

1.0.9 Let's Validate our Data Model

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1.0.11 For the sake of the demo, I will drop the table.

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except Exception as e:
    print(e)

query = "drop table album_library"
try:
    rows = session.execute(query)
except Exception as e:
    print(e)
```

1.0.12 And Finally close the session and cluster connection