



Intro To Relational Databases

Summary

In this episode...

- Data persistence
- Relational Databases
- Tables
- Primary and foreign keys
- Schema



How can we save data
in a web application?

Databases

To save (or **persist**) data, you need to somehow write the data to permanent storage, like the hard disk.

Databases

For a blogging platform, users have many posts and posts have tags and users may be following other users and so on.

Relational Databases / RDBMS/ Relational Database Management Systems

Relational databases were developed to provide a means of organizing data and their relationships, persisting that data and querying it.

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Column, Attribute

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