

08_ Tables

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1 8. Tables

- Characteristics of q tables
 - First-class entities
 - A collection of named columns implemented as a dictionary of lists
 - Column oriented
 - Ordered records as lists are ordered
 - Efficient at storing, retrieving and manipulating sequential data
 - Kdb+ handles relational and time series data in a unified environment of q tables
 - * No separate data definition language
 - * No separate stored procedure language
 - * No need to map internal representations to a separate form of persistence

1.1 8.1. Table definition

- Method 1: `flip colName1colName2!(list1:list2)`
 - creates a named column list and flips it to get a table
- Method 2: `([] colname1:list1;colname2:list2)`
- Functions on tables:
 - cols: column names
 - meta: metadata of the table:
 - * c:column names;
 - * t: type char of the column;
 - * f: foreign key domain
 - * a: attributes associated with the column
 - count (or records/rows)
 - value table[rowIndex]

1.2 8.2. Empty tables and schema

```
[ ]: emptyTable:([] colName1:();colName2:()) / creating an empty table
```

```
[ ]: emptyTable
```

```
[ ]: teTable:([] name:`~$();attribute:`~int$())
```

```
[ ]: teTable,:(`ati;20) / add row to table
```

```
[ ]: teTable[0;`name]:`qqq
```

```
[ ]: teTable
```

- Basic select syntax

```
[ ]: select ticker from trade_table
```

- Basic update syntax

```
[ ]: update name:`aaa from teTable where name=`qqq
```

```
[1]: testt:([] name:`Dent`Beeblebrox`Prefect; iq:98 42 126)
```

```
[2]: meta testt
```

```
[2]: c    | t f a  
----|-----  
name| s  
iq  | j
```

```
[ ]: update iq:iq%100 from testt
```

1.3 8.4. Primary keys and keyed tables

- A keyed table in q is like a table in SQL with a primary key column
- A keyed table is a dictionary mapping a table of key records to a table of value records
- Uniqueness is not checked in primary keys:
 - values associated with non-unique keys can only be retrieved with a select clause

```
[ ]: ktr[1;`ticker]
```

- Get multiple records from a keyed table:

```
[ ]: ktr[(flip enlist 1 2)] / method 2
```

```
[ ]: ([] id: 1 3)#ktr / method 2
```

```
[ ]: select from ktr where id in (2;4;6)
```

- Reverse lookup: use an anonymous table:

```
[ ]: ktr?([] ticker:`aapl`ibm)
```

```
[ ]: key ktr
     cols ktr
     value ktr
     meta ktr
```

- Create key from a table's column:
 - keyColumn xkey table_with_key_column
 - columnNumber!table_with_key_column
- Remove key:
 - () xkey keyed_table
 - 0!keyed_table

```
[ ]: 2!() xkey keyed2
```

- Compound primary key: just use two columns in keyed table definition
- (Typed) empty keyed table: same as typed empty table
- Getting multiple values: list of compound keys
- Extracting column data: table[anonymous table with list of keys][column name]

1.4 8.5. Foreign keys and virtual columns

```
[ ]:
```

1.5 Reading in a table from .csv

```
[ ]: t_path:"/home/iguana/1_Code/00_datasets/kaggle_us-stocks/csv_data/Stocks/"
     ticker_name:"aapl"
     ext:".us.csv"
     pattern:"DFFFFII"
```

```
[ ]: file_name:t_path,ticker_name,ext
```

```
[ ]: file_h:hsym `$file_name
```

```
[ ]: csvread:{{fn;ptrn} (ptrn;enlist csv) 0: hsym `$fn}
```

```
[ ]: ttable:csvread[file_name;pattern]
```

```
[ ]: ttable
```

1.6 Creating a table with random data

```
[ ]: mySym:`aapl`googl`ibm`fb
[ ]: symEnum:`mySym$10?mySym / tickers
[ ]: symList:10?mySym
[ ]: myDates:10#2019.03.01 / dates
[ ]: myTimes:asc 10?24:00:00.000000000
[ ]: myVolume:10*1+10?1000
[ ]: id:1+til 10
[ ]: prices:90.0+(10?2001)%100
[ ]: trade_table:([] ticker:symList;date:myDates;time:myTimes;price:prices;volume:
    ↪myVolume)
[ ]: ktr:([id:1+til 10] ticker:symList;date:myDates;time:myTimes;price:prices;volume:
    ↪myVolume)
[ ]: unkeyed:([] id:id;ticker:symList;date:myDates;time:myTimes;price:prices;volume:
    ↪myVolume)
[ ]: keyed2:`id xkey unkeyed
```