Introduction to Database Concepts
&
Using SQLite with R

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A Data! Data! Data! I can’t make bricks without clay!

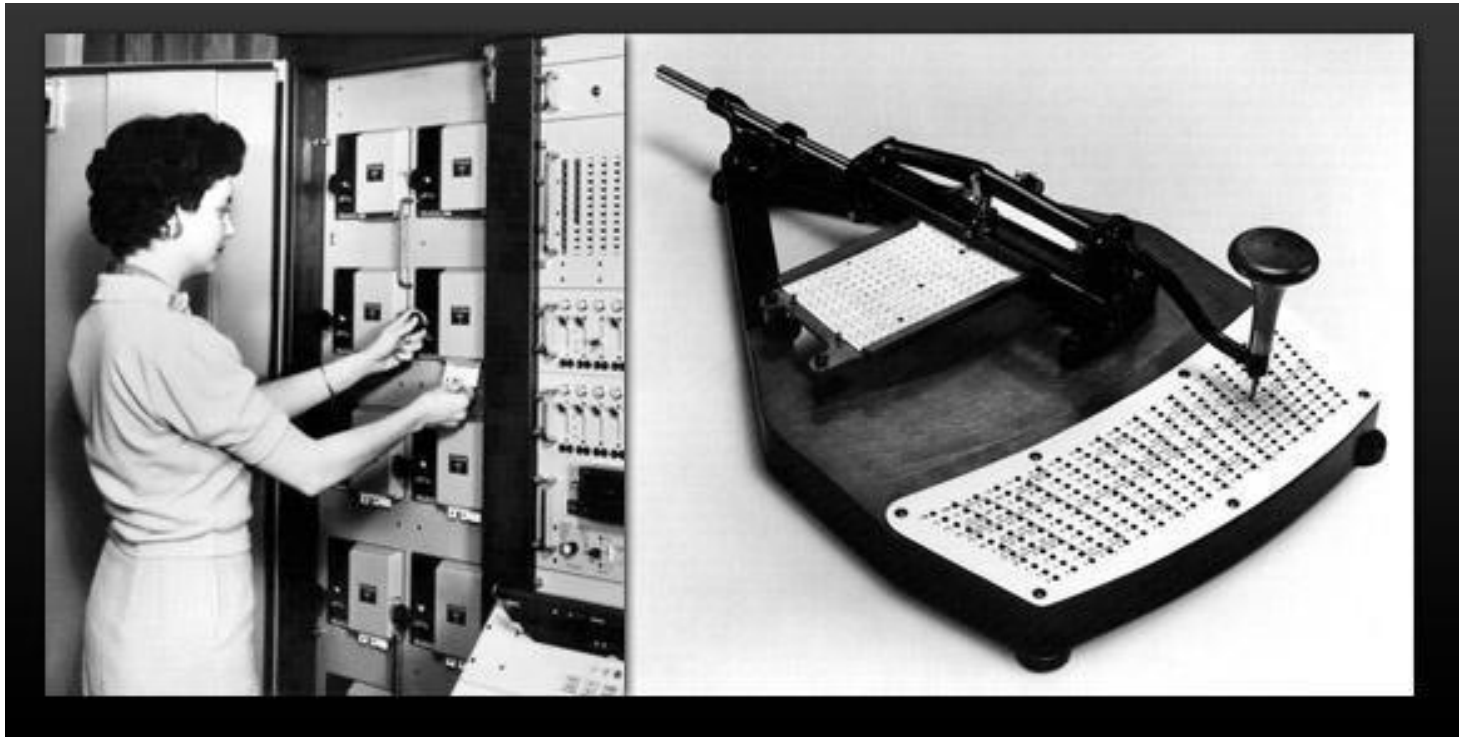
- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

1944 Fremont Rider, Wesleyan University Librarian, publishes *The Scholar and the Future of the Research Library*. He estimates that American university libraries were doubling in size every sixteen years. Given this growth rate, Rider speculates that the Yale Library in 2040 will have "approximately 200,000,000 volumes, which will occupy over 6,000 miles of shelves… [requiring] a cataloging staff of over six thousand persons."

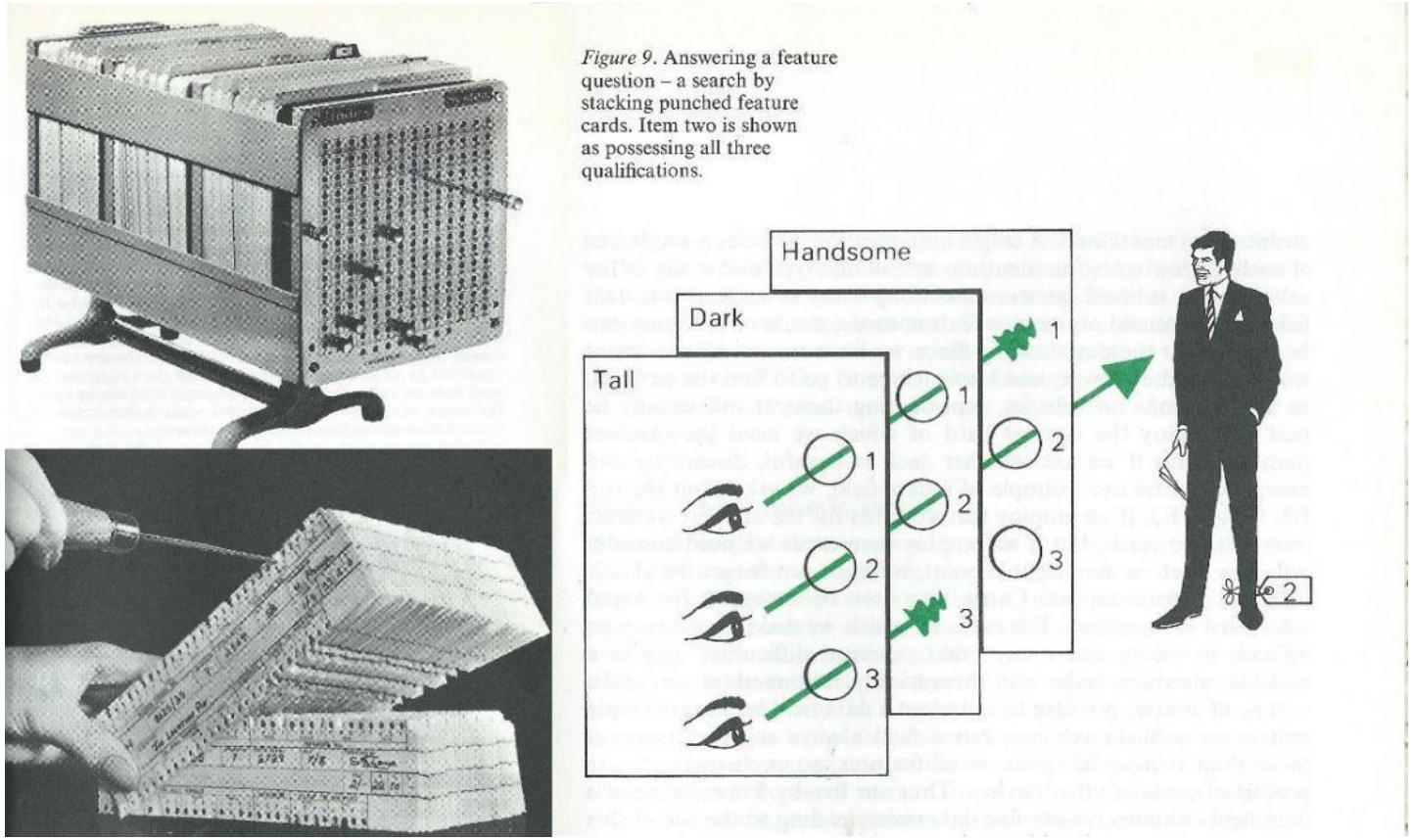
Forbes, December '13

Database; A shared collection of logically related data, designed to meet the information needs of an organization.

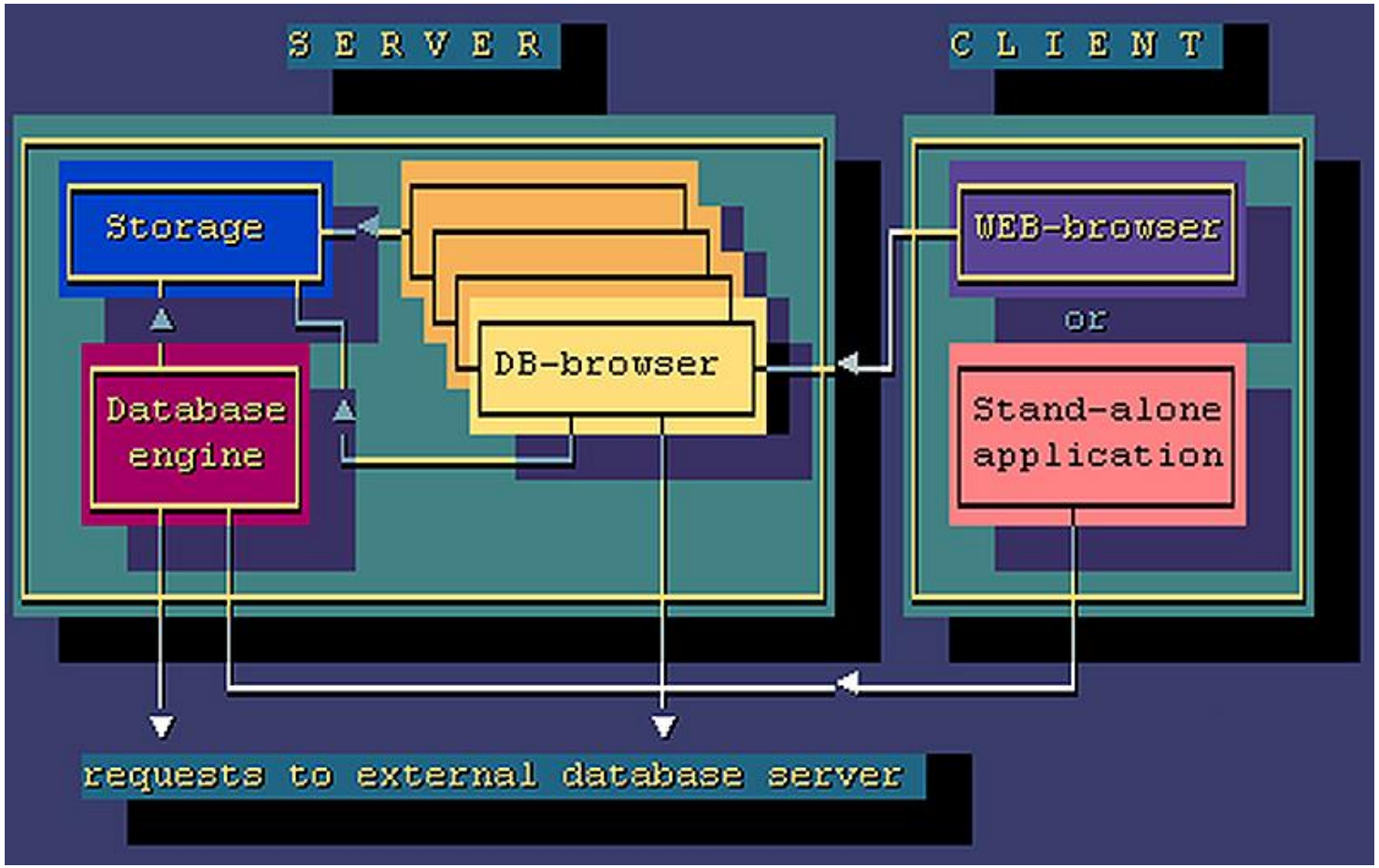

The History of Database



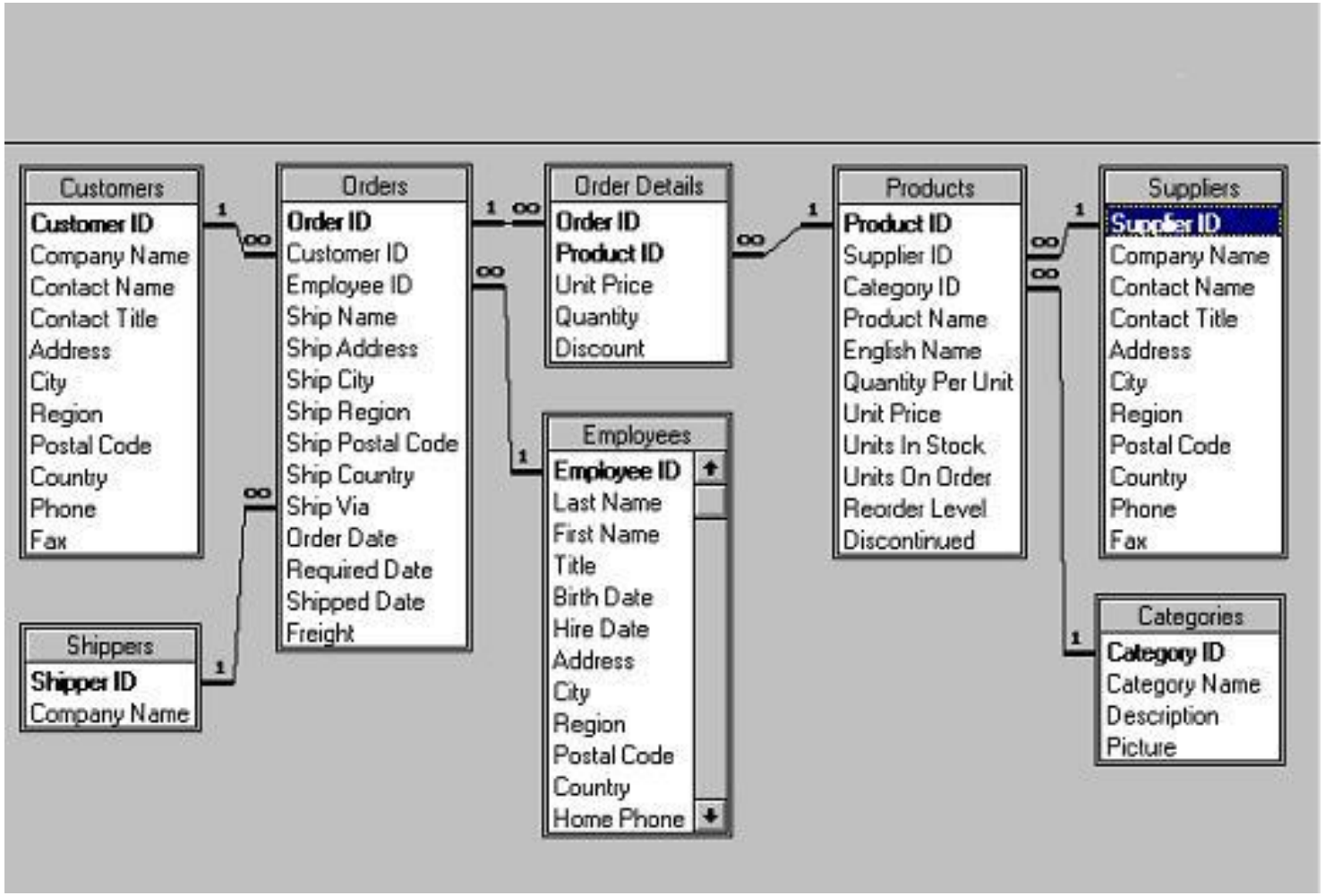
Punched card reader (L) and writer, Image from A Brief History of Communication Technology, 1910s



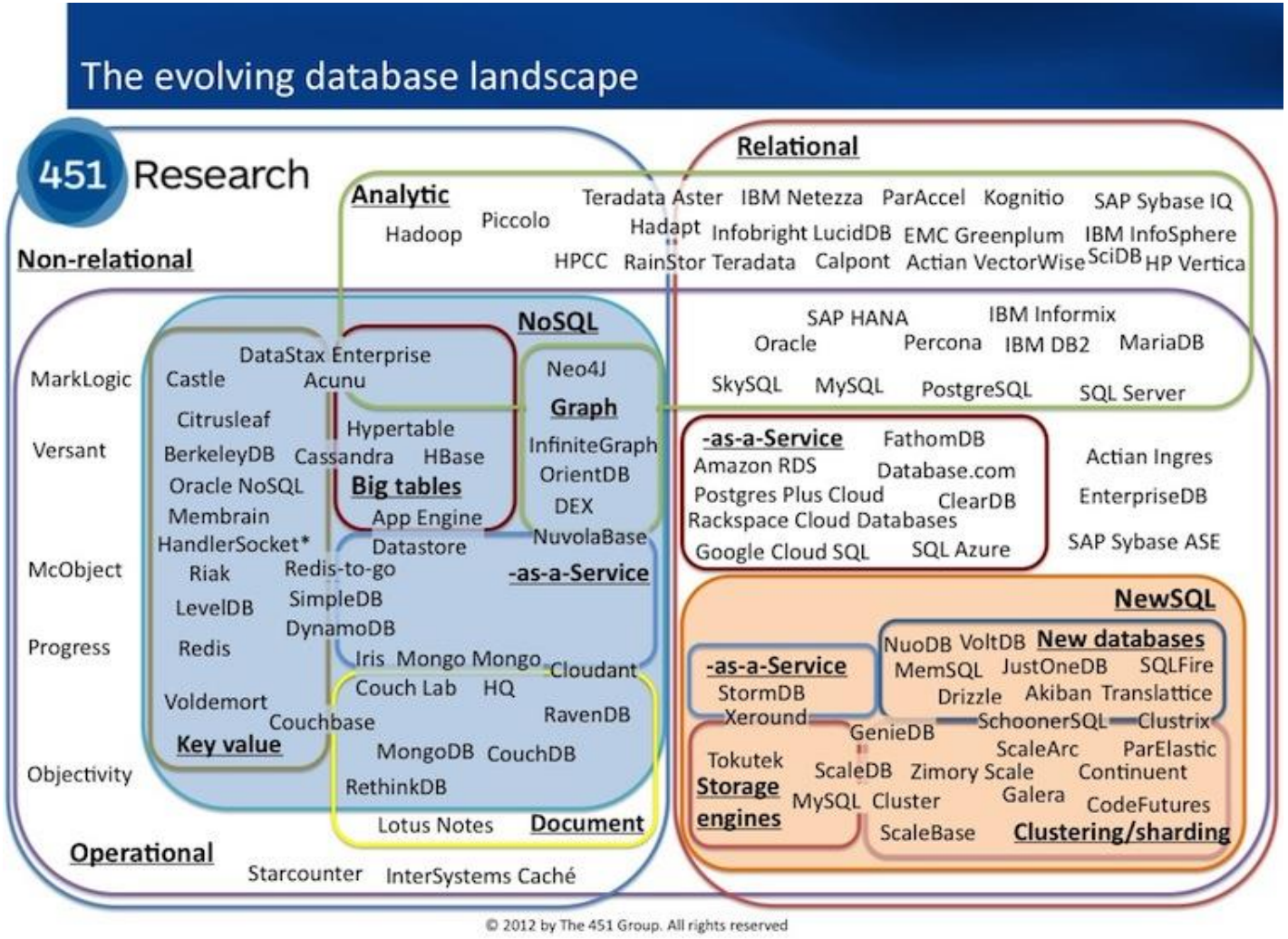
Punch cards and tabulating used by office environment from 1910 to the mid-1960s



Database management system (DBMS), 1960s



Relational Database Management System (RDBMS), 1970s



Database Landscape


Databases, Why?

- Can store very large numbers of records efficiently
- Very quick and easy to find information.
- Easy to add new data and to edit or delete old data.
- Data can be searched easily, eg 'find all Ford cars'.
- Data can be imported into other applications.
- Users can access the same database at the same time.
- Security be better than in paper files.

Types / uses of data

- Logistics and payments
- Retail sales, inventories
- Customer service
- Access control
- Navigation / tracking
- Social media events
- Proximity awareness
- Sport performance
- Credit risk
- Geospatial
- Proximity awareness
- and much more...


Relational Model

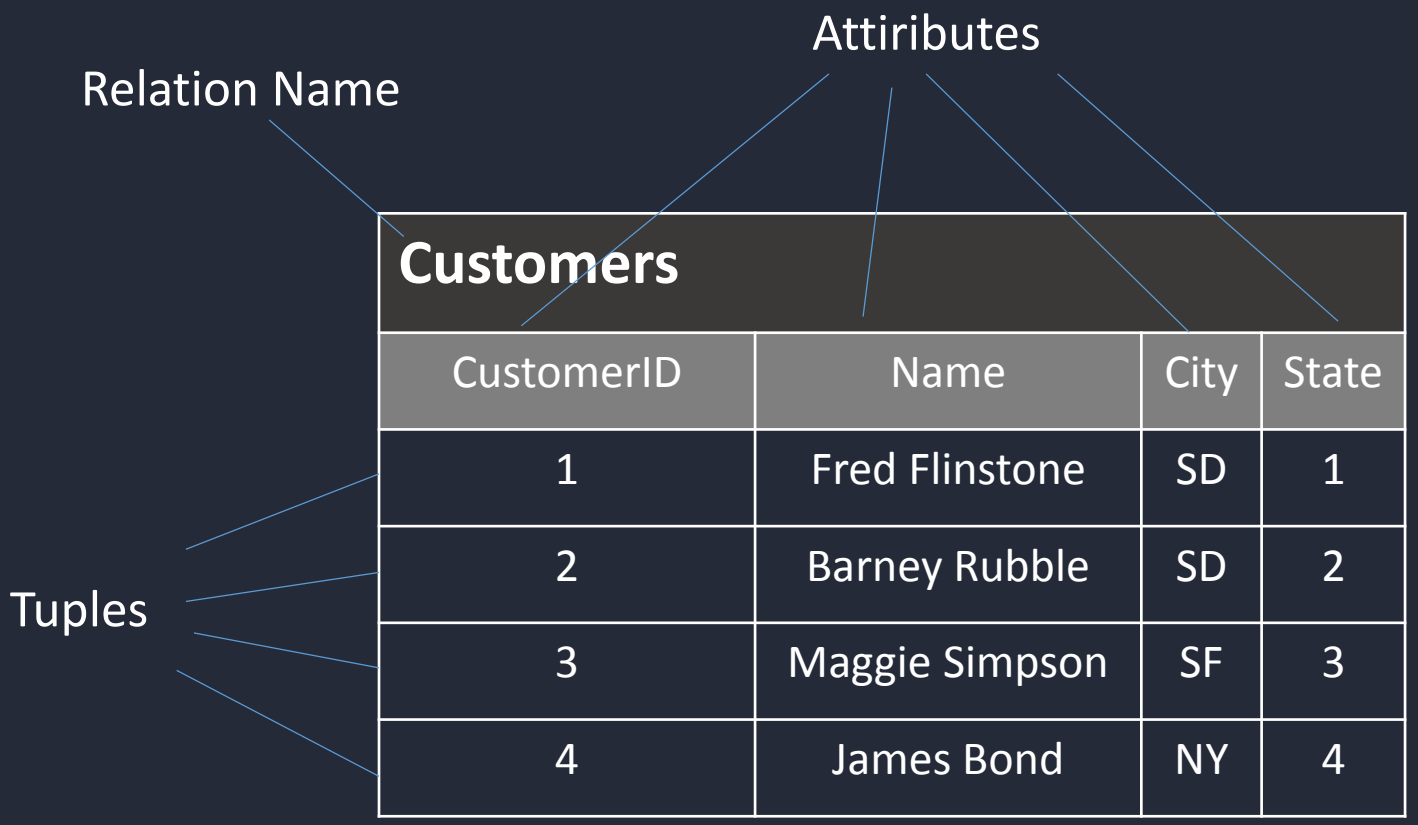
Relational model, is defined as a model that allows you to group its data items into one or more independent tables that can be related to one another by using fields common to each related table.

- A database consists of several **tables** (relations)

Customers			
CustomerID	Name	City	State

Account	
AccountNum	Name

- Columns in the tables are named by **attributes**
- Each attribute has an associated **domain** (e.g. for Customer.State: {CA, NY, WA, …})
- Data in a table consist of a set of **tuples** (rows)


Attiributes
Relation Name
Customers
CustomerID
Name
City
State
1
Fred Flinstone
SD
1
2
Barney Rubble
SD
2
3
Maggie Simpson
SF
3
4
James Bond
NY
4
Tuples

Relational Schema

- Type declaration
- Consists of:
  - Relation name
  - Set of attributes
  - Domain of each attribute
  - Integrity constraints

e.g. CUSTOMER (CustomerID, Name, Street, City)

Integer

Strings

Relations are Unordered

- The tuples are not considered to be ordered, even though they appear to be so when displayed in tabular form

Customers

CustomerID	N
1	Fred
2	Barne
3	Maggie
4	Jame

Customers

CustomerID	N
2	Barne
1	Fred
4	Jame
3	Maggie

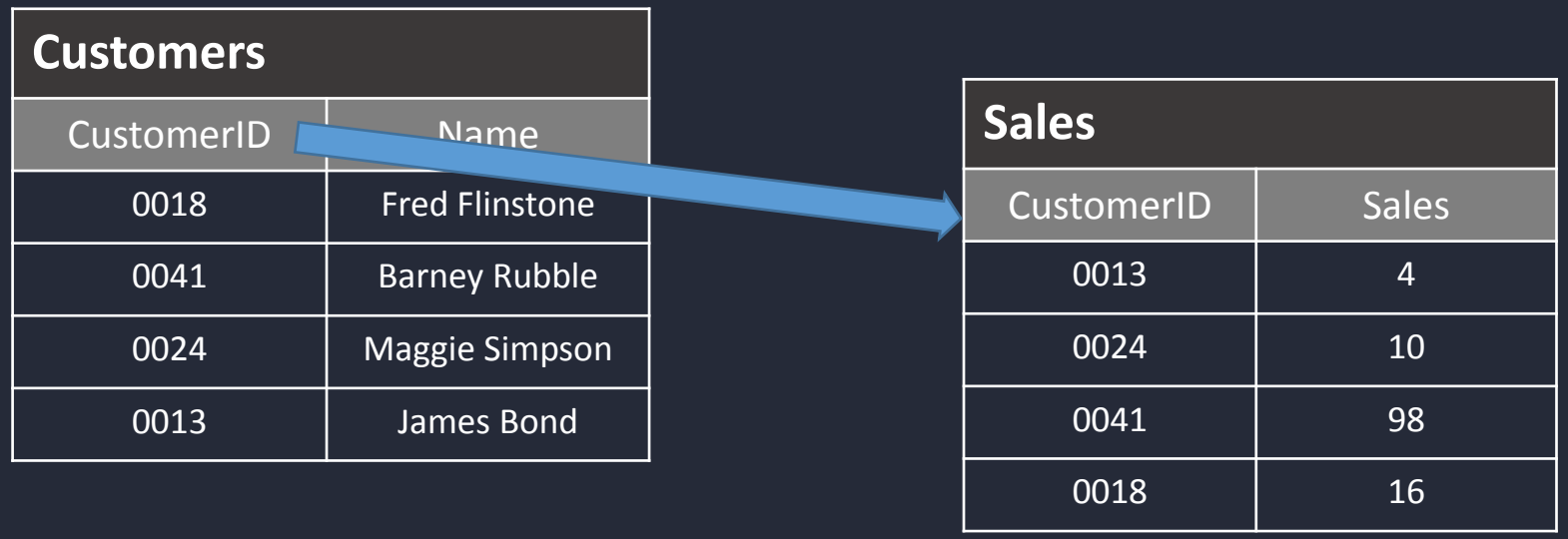
Customers

CustomerID	Name
3	Maggie Simpson
4	James Bond
1	Fred Flinstone
2	Barney Rubble

Visual representations of the same relational instance

Relational Model - Integrity Constraints

- Keys
- Primary Keys
- Entity Integrity
- Referential Integrity



Customers

CustomerID	Name
0018	Fred Flinstone
0041	Barney Rubble
0024	Maggie Simpson
0013	James Bond

Sales

CustomerID	Sales
0013	4
0024	10
0041	98
0018	16


Structured Query Language (SQL)

What is SQL?

- SQL stands for **Structured Query Language**.
- SQL lets you access and manipulate databases.
- SQL is an **ANSI** (American National Standards Institute) **standard**

SQL is a standart, but...

- Although SQL is an ANSI (American National Standards Institute) standard, there are many different versions of the SQL language. (PL/SQL, T-SQL ...)
- However, to be compliant with the ANSI standard, they all support at least the major commands (such as SELECT, UPDATE, DELETE, INSERT, WHERE) in a similar manner.

What SQL can do?

- SQL can execute queries against a database.
- SQL can retrieve data from a database.
- SQL can insert tupples in a database.
- SQL can update tupples in a database.
- SQL can delete tupples from a database.
- SQL can create new databases.
- SQL can create new tables in a database.
- SQL can set permissions on tables, procedures, and views
- and much more...

SQL Parts (DML&DDL)

- SQL can be divided into two parts: **The Data Manipulation Language (DML), Data Definition Language (DDL)**

Category	SQL Command	Description
Data Definition Language (defines the different structures in a database)	**CREATE**	**Creates a new table, a view of a table, or other object in the database.**
	ALTER	**Modifies an existing database object, such as a table.**
	DROP	**Deletes an entire table, a view of a table or other objects in the database.**
Data Manipulation Language (manipulates data in a database)	**SELECT**	**Retrieves certain records from one or more tables.**
	INSERT	**Creates a record.**
	UPDATE	**Modifies records**
	DELETE	**Deletes records**

basic SELECT statement

```
SELECT *|{ [DISTINCT] column|expression [alias],...]
FROM table;
```

- **SELECT** identifies *what* columns
- **FROM** identifies *which* tables


Smart, Fast, Reliable: SQLite

SQLite is a public-domain software package that provides a *relational database management system*, or RDBMS.

SQLite is defined by the following features

- Serverless
- Zero Configuration
- Cross-Platform
- Self-Contained
- Small Runtime Footprint
- Transactional
- Full-Featured
- Highly Reliable


Demo: SQLite with R

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