

Databases and SQL for Data Science with Python

Session 1

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Course Overview

- If there is a shortcut to becoming a Data Scientist, then learning to think and work like a In this course you will learn SQL inside out- from the very basics of Select statements to
- advanced concepts like JOINS.
- You will:
- write foundational SQL statements like: SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE
- filter result sets, use WHERE, COUNT, DISTINCT, and LIMIT clauses.
- differentiate between DML & DDL
- CREATE, ALTER, DROP and load tables.

Benefits of Enrolling in a Course:

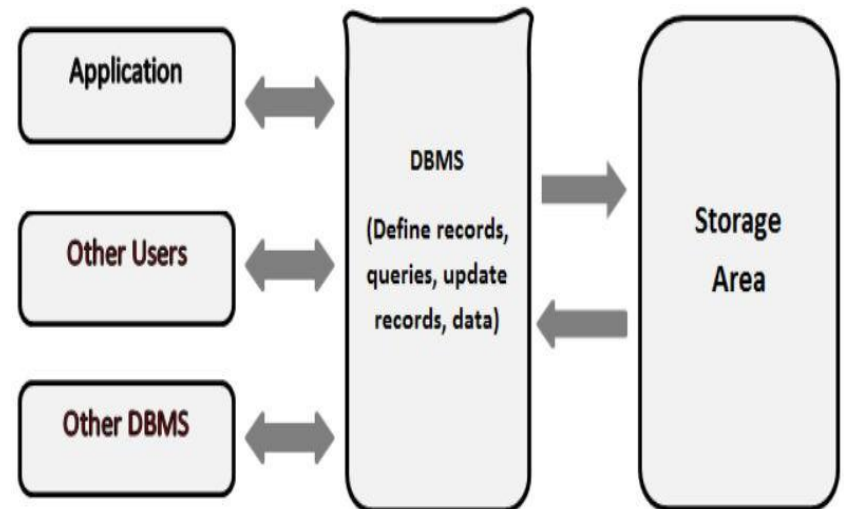
- Analyze data within a database using SQL and Python.
- Create a relational database and work with multiple tables using DDL commands.
- Construct basic to intermediate level SQL queries using DML commands.
- Compose more powerful queries with advanced SQL techniques like views, transactions, stored procedures, and joins.

Sessions Content

- What is a database?
- History and evolution of databases
- Types of databases
- Database Design
- Database Management Systems (DBMS)
- Database Life cycle
- Be introduced to SQL and its basic syntax.
- Write simple SQL queries using SELECT, FROM, and WHERE.

What are Databases?

- A database is an organized collection of data, generally stored and accessed electronically from a computer system. It supports the storage and manipulation of data.
- In other words, databases are used by an organization as a method of storing, managing and retrieving information.



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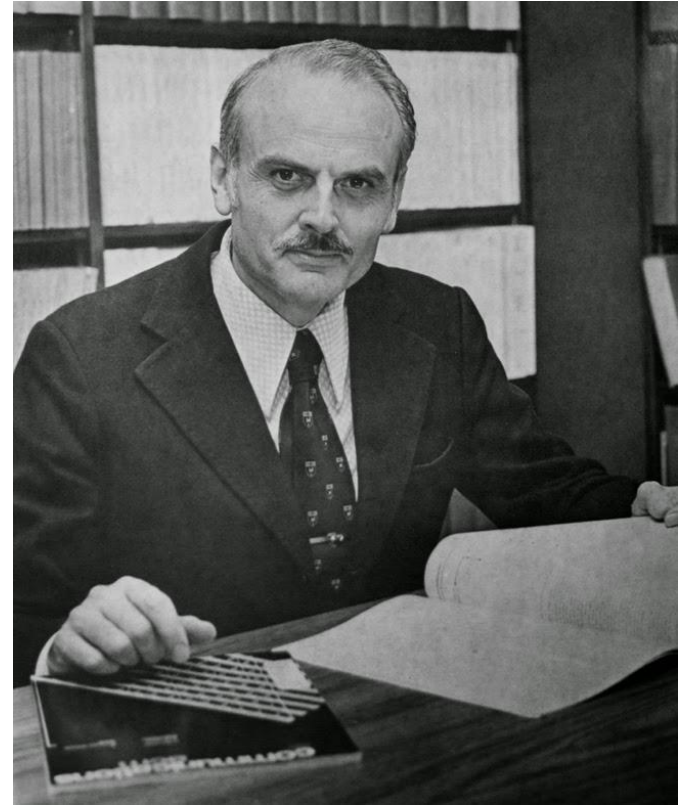
- Key Characteristics:
 - Persistence: Data is stored over time.
 - Organized: Structured in a way to facilitate easy access.
 - Accessible: Can be queried using specific languages (e.g., SQL).
 - Scalable: Designed to grow with increasing data.

History and evolution of databases

- 1950s–1960s: File-Based Systems
 - Data stored in flat files.
 - Manual processes were required to retrieve and manage data.
 - Lacked a structured way to organize or relate data.
 - Redundancy: Repeated data across files.
 - Inconsistency: Updates in one file might not reflect in others.
 - Scalability: Difficult to manage as data size increased.

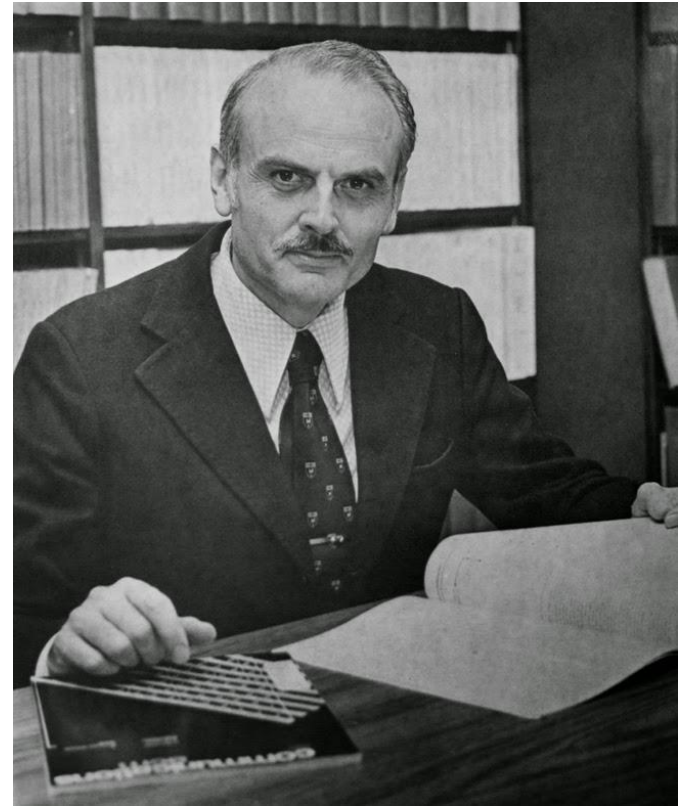
History and evolution of databases

- 1970s: Birth of Relational Databases
 - In 1970, Edgar F. Codd, a computer scientist at IBM, proposed the relational model in his paper, "A Relational Model of Data for Large Shared Data Banks."



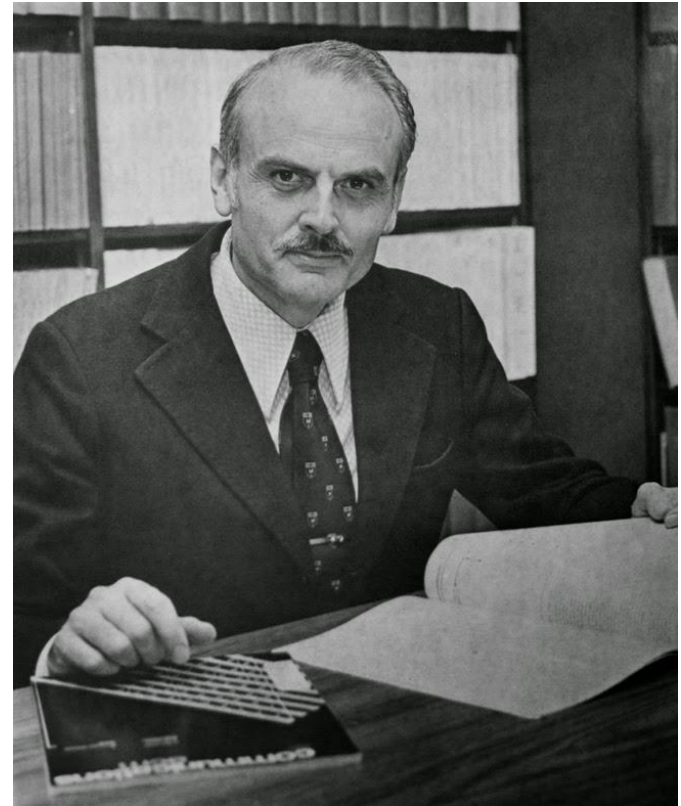
History and evolution of databases

- 1970s: Birth of Relational Databases
 - Organized data into tables (relations) with rows and columns.
 - Tables were connected through keys (Primary and Foreign).



History and evolution of databases

- 1970s: Birth of Relational Databases
 - Reduced redundancy using normalization.
 - Provided data consistency and integrity.
 - Enabled powerful querying with SQL.



History and evolution of databases

- 1980s: Emergence of Popular Systems
 - Companies like Oracle, IBM, and Microsoft began releasing commercial RDBMS
- Products:
 - Oracle Database (1979)
 - IBM DB2 (1983)
 - Microsoft SQL Server (1989).

History and evolution of databases

- 1980s: Emergence of Popular Systems
 - Relational databases became the backbone of business applications like inventory management, accounting, and customer records.

History and evolution of databases

- 2000s: The NoSQL Movement
 - Why NoSQL?
 - The rise of the internet and large-scale web applications demanded:
 - Scalability for handling millions of users.
 - Flexibility to store semi-structured and unstructured data.

History and evolution of databases

- 2000s: The NoSQL Movement
 - Types of NoSQL Databases:
 - Document: MongoDB, Couchbase.
 - Key-Value: Redis, DynamoDB.
 - Wide-Column: Cassandra, HBase.
 - Graph: Neo4j, Amazon Neptune.

History and evolution of databases

- 2010s–Present: Cloud Databases and Big Data
 - Cloud Databases:
 - Hosted on cloud platforms like AWS, Google Cloud, and Azure.
 - Benefits:
 - On-demand scalability.
 - High availability and fault tolerance.
 - Pay-as-you-go pricing models.

History and evolution of databases

- 2010s–Present: Cloud Databases and Big Data
 - Big Data Era:
 - Tools like Hadoop and Spark revolutionized data processing for massive datasets.
 - Data lakes emerged for handling diverse data types.

Advantages of using Databases

- There are many advantages of databases
- Reduced data redundancy
- Reduced updating errors and increased consistency
- Greater data integrity and independence from application programs
- Improved data access to users through the use of host and query languages
- Improved data security
- Reduced data entry, storage, and retrieval costs

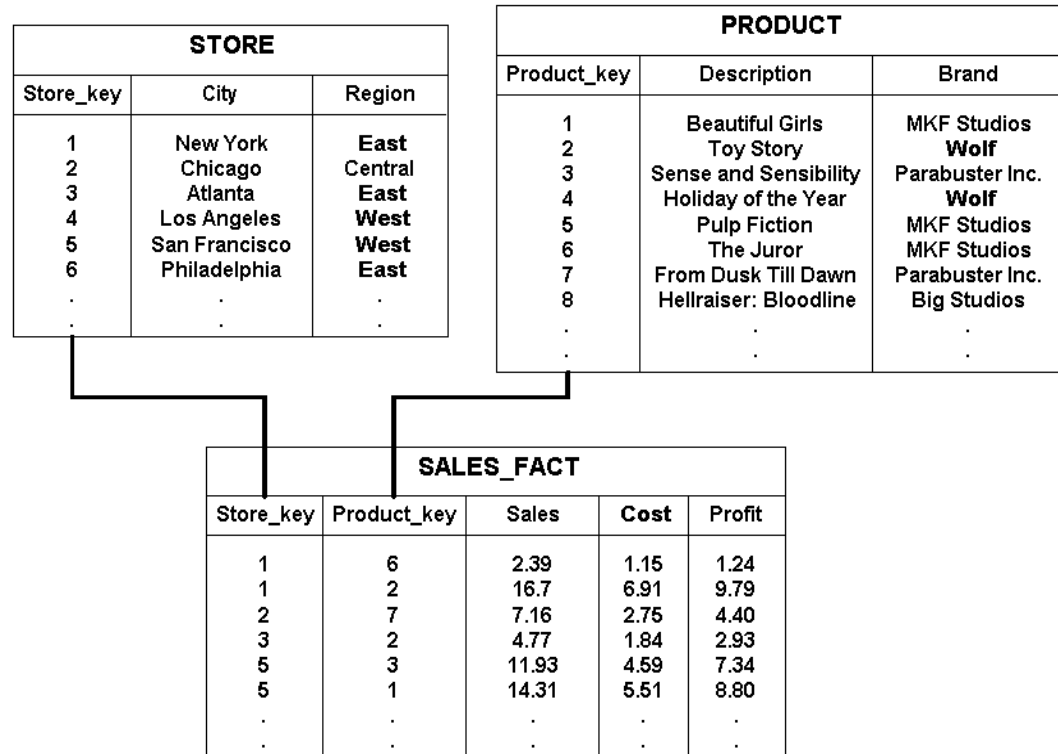
Disadvantages of using Databases

- There are many disadvantages of databases
- Although databases allow businesses to store and access data efficiently, they also have certain disadvantages
- Complexity
- Cost
- Security
- Compatibility

Relational Databases

- Definition:
 - Store data in tables (rows and columns) with predefined schemas.
 - Tables are related through primary and foreign keys.

Relational Databases



Relational Databases

- Advantages:
 - Easy to organize and retrieve structured data.
 - Ensures consistency across related data..

NoSQL Databases

- Store data as JSON-like documents.
- Examples:
 - MongoDB, DynamoDB

Database Design

- Definition:
 - Database design is the process of organizing data into a structured format to meet the needs of an application or organization.

Database Design

What is an Entity-Relationship Diagrams (ERD)?

- A visual representation of entities, attributes, and relationships in a database.
- Helps in designing structured, efficient databases before implementation.

Database Design

- **Entities** – Objects or concepts (e.g., Student, Course, Employee).
- **Attributes** – Properties of entities (e.g., Student_ID, Name, Age).
- **Relationships** – How entities interact (e.g., Student enrolls in Course).
- **Primary Key** – Unique identifier for an entity.
- **Foreign Key** – Ensures referential integrity between tables.

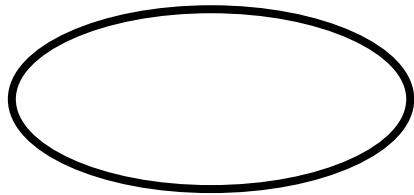
Database Design

- Entity:
 - person, place, object, event, concept (often corresponds to a real time object that is distinguishable from any other object)



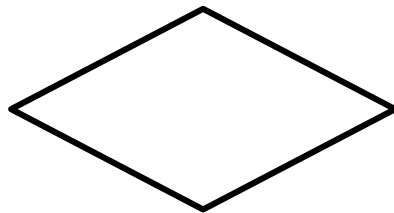
Database Design

- Attribute:
 - property or characteristic of an entity type
(often corresponds to a field in a table)

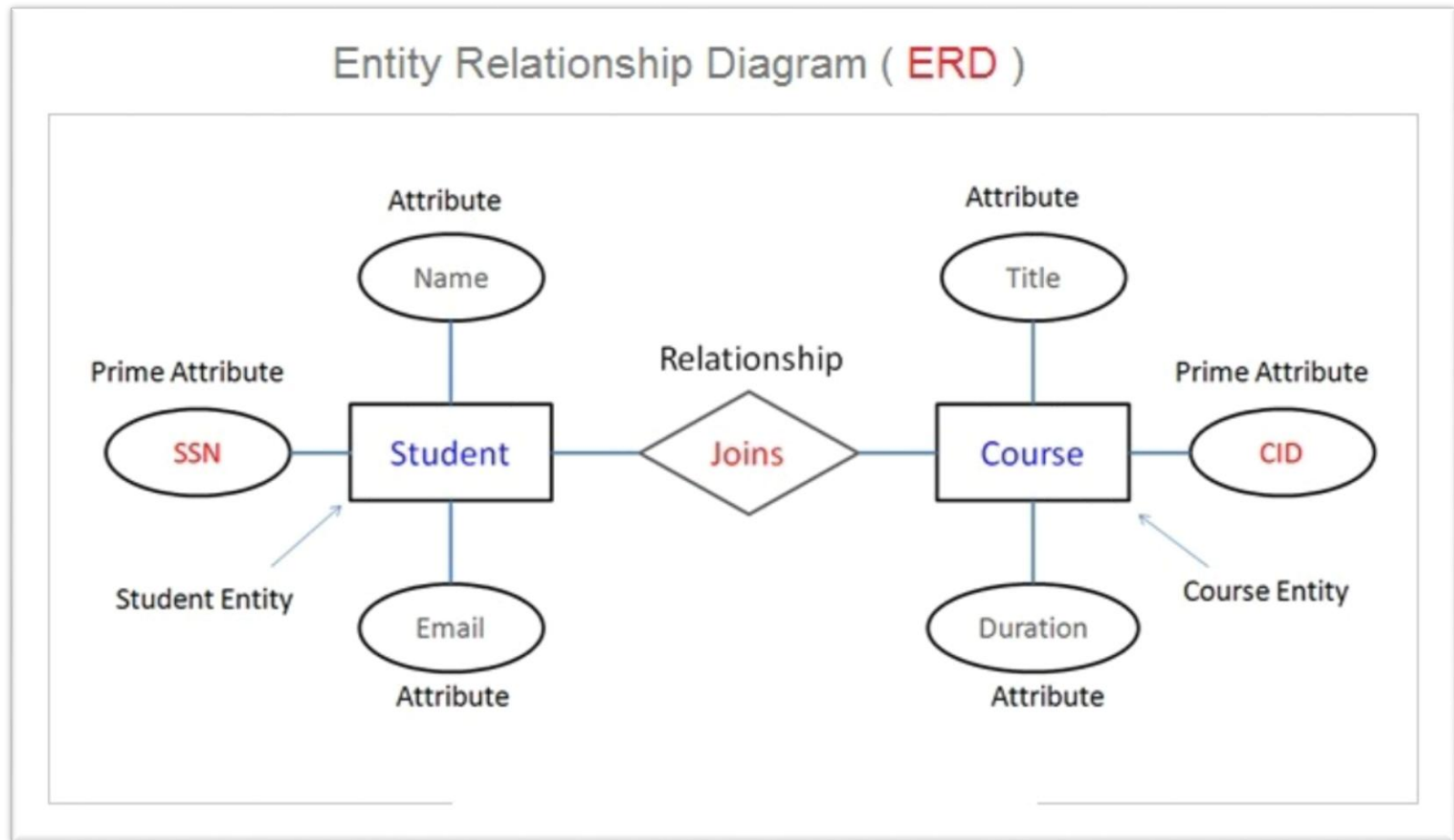


Database Design

- Relationship:
 - link between entities (corresponds to primary key-foreign key equivalencies in related tables).



Database Design

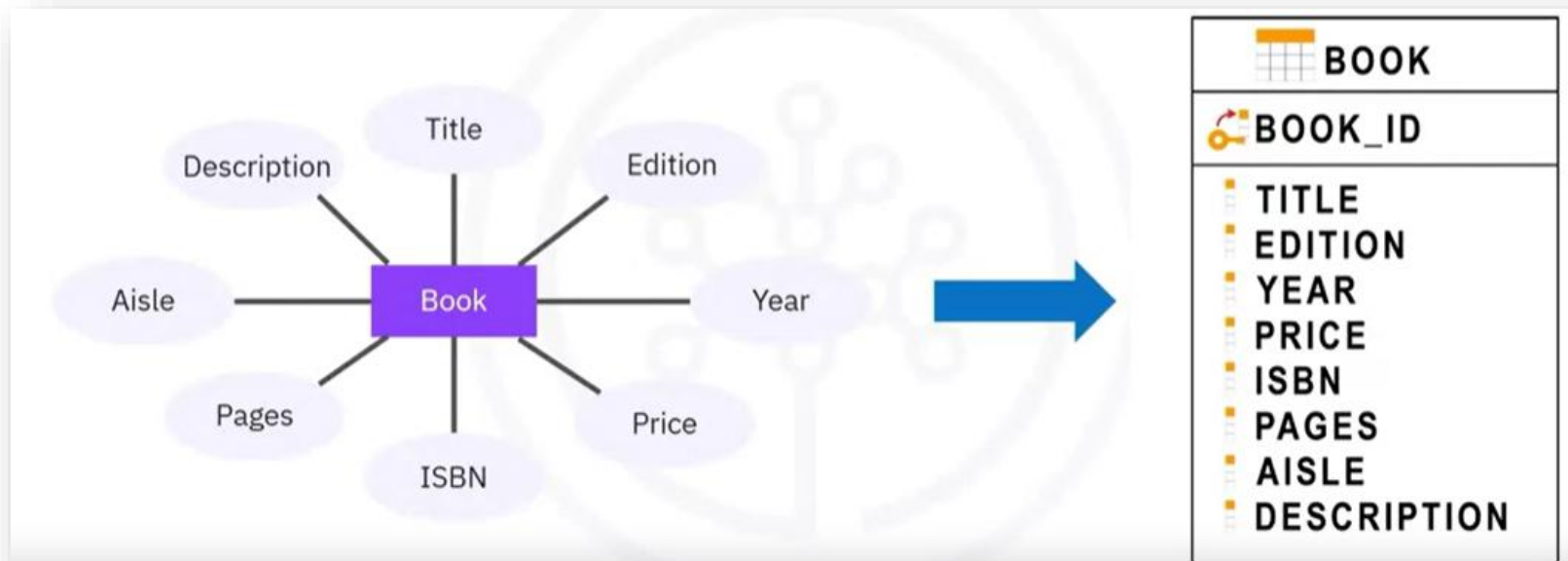


Database Constraints

- Primary Key (Not Null + Unique)
- Not Null
- Unique Key
- Referential Integrity (FK)
- Check

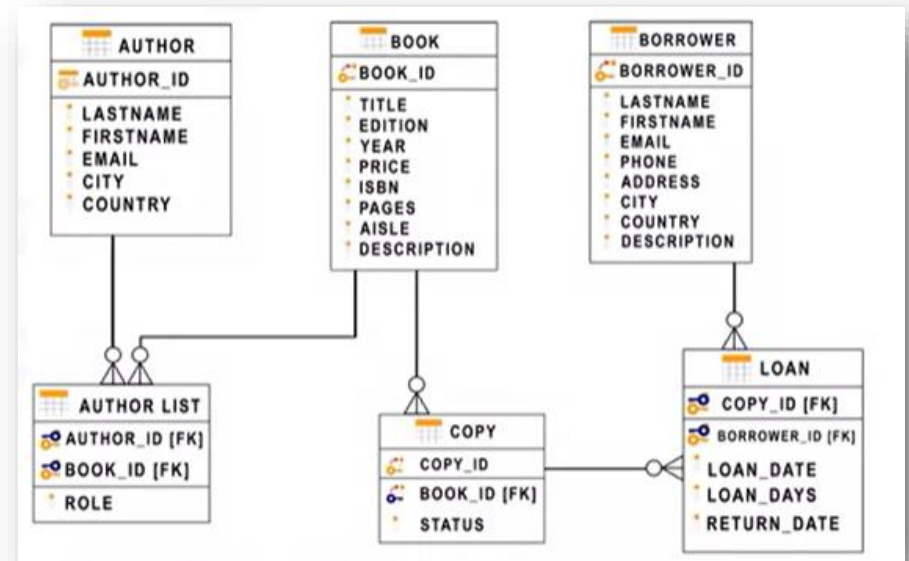
Entity-Relationship Model

- Used as a tool to design relational databases



Relational Model

- Most used Data Model
- Allows for data independence
- Data is stored in tables



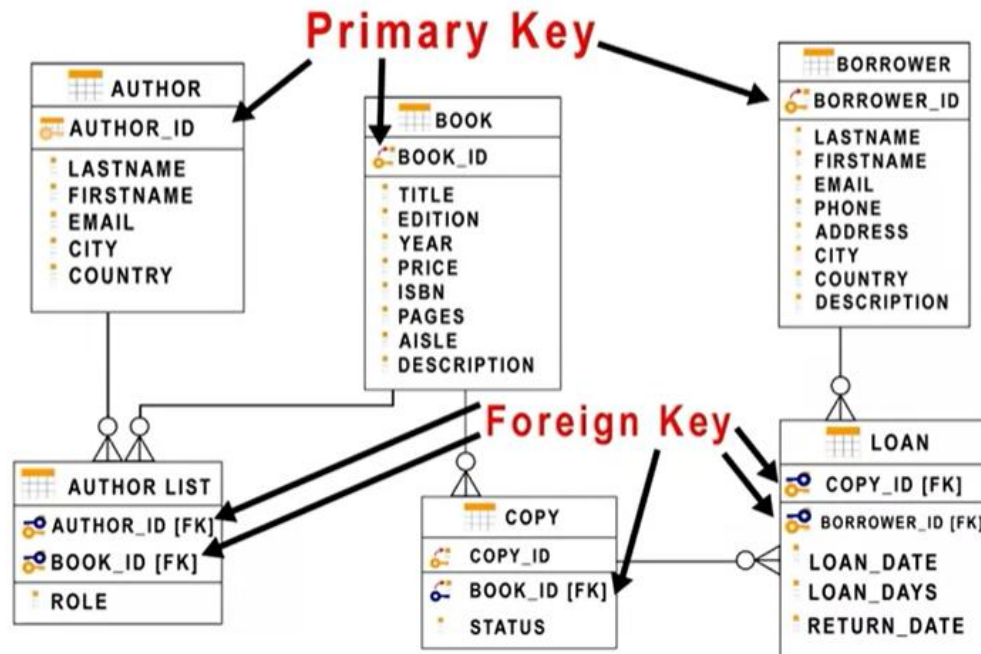
Mapping Entity Diagrams To Tables

- Entities become tables
- Attributes get translated into columns

Table: Book

Title	Edition	Year	Price	ISBN	Pages	Aisle	Description
Database Fundamentals	1	2010	24.99	978-0-9866283-1-1	300	DB-A02	Teaches you the fundamentals of databases
Getting started with DB2 Express-C	1	2010	24.99	978-0-9866283-5-1	280	DB-A01	Teaches you the essentials of DB2 using DB2 Express-C, the free version of DB2

Primary keys and Foreign keys



Database Transaction

- A transaction is an executing program that forms a logical unit of database actions.
- It includes one or more database access operations such as insert, delete and update.
- The database operations that form a transaction can either be embedded within an application program or they can be specified interactively via a high-level query language such as SQL.

Database Transaction Properties

Transactions should possess several properties, often called the ACID properties:

1. Atomicity
2. Consistency
3. Isolation
4. Durability

Database Schema

- A schema is a group of related objects in a database.
- There is one owner of a schema who has access to manipulate the structure of any object in the schema.
- A schema does not represent a person, although the schema is associated with a user that resides in the database.

Data types

- A data type determines the type of data that can be stored in a database column.
- The most commonly used data types are:
 1. Alphanumeric: data types used to store characters, numbers, special characters, or nearly any combination.
 2. Numeric
 3. Date and Time

Database Management Systems (DBMS)

- Oracle Database – Oracle Corporation – 1979
- Microsoft SQL Server – Microsoft – 1989
- IBM Db2 – IBM – 1983
- MySQL – Oracle Corporation (originally developed by MySQL AB) – 1995
- PostgreSQL – PostgreSQL Global Development Group – 1996

Database Management Systems (DBMS)

- SQLite – SQLite Consortium (originally developed by D. Richard Hipp) – 2000
- MariaDB – MariaDB Corporation – 2009
- (Forked from MySQL) Amazon Aurora – Amazon Web Services (AWS) – 2014

Row-based vs. Column-based Databases

Row-based Databases (Traditional Relational Databases)

- Store data **row-by-row** (each row represents a complete record).
- Optimized for **transactional workloads (OLTP)**.
- Common in **relational databases (RDBMS)**.
- Examples: **MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQL Server, Oracle DB**.
- **Use Case:** Best for applications that require **frequent inserts, updates, and deletes**, such as banking or e-commerce.

Row-based vs. Column-based Databases

Column-based Databases (Analytical Databases)

- Store data **column-by-column** instead of rows.
- Optimized for **analytical processing (OLAP)**.
- Improves query performance for **aggregations and analytics**.
- Examples: **Apache Cassandra, Amazon Redshift, Google BigQuery**.
- **Use Case:** Best for **big data analytics, reporting, and data warehousing**, where queries scan large datasets.

Questions?