Database Schema Design

Organizing Data

Databases


I THINK WE SHOULD BUILD AN SQL DATABASE.
UH-OH
DOES HE UNDERSTAND WHAT HE SAID OR IS IT SOMETHING HE SAW IN A TRADE MAGAZINE AD?
WHAT COLOR DO YOU WANT THAT DATABASE?
I THINK MAUVE HAS THE MOST RAM.
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Why you care

SQL is the gateway to the world of Databases

Reading & Writing Raw SQL is a skill that will set you apart from other Devs

Super Important for implementing & debugging advanced Database systems

Database Schema Design

Good Database Design should:

- Capture state, not behavior
- Design relationships between tables

State and Behavior

```
class OrangeTree
  def initialize
    @age = 5
    @height = 5
    @oranges = produce_oranges
  end

  def produce_oranges
    Array.new(3) { Orange.new }
  end
end
```

```
class Orange
  def initialize
    @diameter = rand(2..4)
  end
end
```

State and Behavior

```
orange_tree = OrangeTree.new

⇒ #<OrangeTree 0x007fe1f1a4fb20
     @age=5,
     @height=5,
     @oranges=[#<Orange:0x007fe1f1a4faa8 @diameter=2>,
               #<Orange:0x007fe1f1a4fa80 @diameter=4>,
               #<Orange:0x007fe1f1a4fa58 @diameter=3>]>
```

Temporary State

- We create objects to hold data
- Data is lost when our program has finished executing

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Temporary State Problems

- What if we want to use the current state later?

Temporary State Problems

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  Mega Man vs. Mega Man II

  Phone number from a super hot crush

  50 million client purchase records

Persistant State

- To keep current state we need to save the data

Persistant State

Where to save it?

CSV

Pen && Paper

☺Database☺

Databases

- Like object-oriented programming, databases model the data in real world systems

Databases and Ruby

- How do objects in databases relate to Ruby?

Databases and Ruby

Modeling State	
Ruby	***Database***
Classes	
Instances of classes	
Instance variables	

Databases and Ruby

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AKA: Schema

Schema Design

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Schema Design

orange_trees
id
created_at
updated_at

oranges
id
created_at
updated_at

Schema Design

orange_trees
id
created_at
updated_at

oranges
id
created_at
updated_at

Schema Design

orange_trees
id
age
height
created_at
updated_at

oranges
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orange_trees
id
age
height
created_at
updated_at

oranges
id
diameter
created_at
updated_at

Schema Design

orange_trees
id
age
height
name
created_at
updated_at

oranges
id
diameter
created_at
updated_at

Schema Design

- Schema is more than just static tables
- Relationships are kinda of a big deal

Types of Relationships:

- One to One
- One to Many
- Many to Many

Schema Design

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DB Relationships

- Relationships are two way streets
- Should sound like a natural sentence

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An **orange** belongs to an **orange tree**.

Schema Design

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Primary key: unique identifier table field

Every table has autogenerated Primary Keys, unless specifically disabled

Foreign key: another table's unique identifier

Only tables which belong to another table contain a Foreign Key

Schema Design

orange_trees
id
age
height
created_at
updated_at

oranges
id
diameter
created_at
updated_at

- On which table does the foreign key belong?

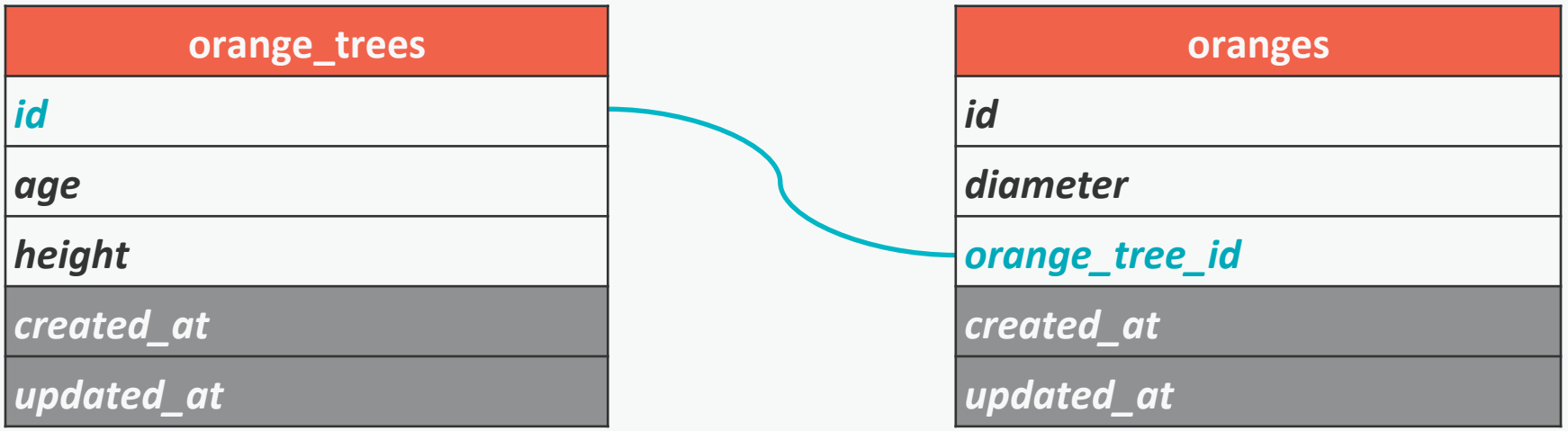
Schema Design

orange_trees
id
age
height
created_at
updated_at

oranges
id
diameter
orange_tree_id
created_at
updated_at

- The foreign key belongs on the table of the objects that are owned

Schema Design



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Schema Design

orange_trees				
id	age	height	created_at	updated_at
1	5	5	2014-03-22	2014-03-22
2	6	6	2014-03-22	2014-03-22

oranges				
id	diameter	orange_tree_id	created_at	updated_at
1	2	1	2014-03-22	2014-03-22
2	4	2	2014-03-22	2014-03-22
3	3	1	2014-03-22	2014-03-22
4	4	1	2014-03-22	2014-03-22

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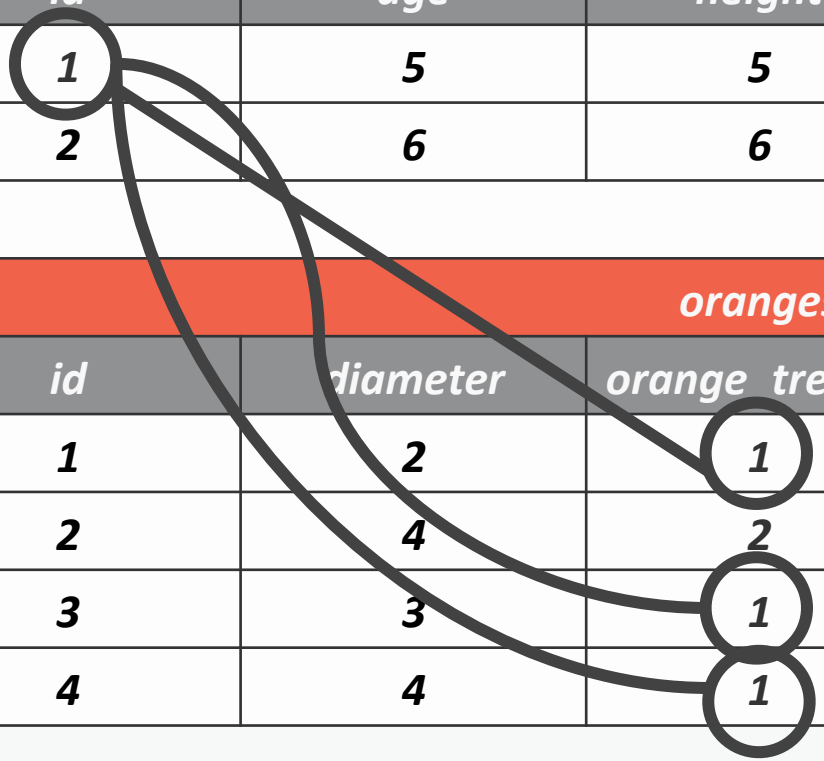

SQL Statements

orange_trees
id
age
height
name
created_at
updated_at

```
CREATE TABLE orange_trees
(
id integer PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
age int NOT NULL,
height int NOT NULL,
name varchar(255),
created_at TIMESTAMP NOT NULL DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
updated_at TIMESTAMP NOT NULL DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
);
```

SQL Statements

oranges
id
diameter
created_at
updated_at

```
CREATE TABLE oranges
(id integer PRIMARY KEY,
diameter integer NOT NULL,
created_at TIMESTAMP NOT NULL DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
updated_at TIMESTAMP NOT NULL DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
);
```

SQL Statements

```
INSERT INTO orange_trees
(age, height, name)
VALUES
(1,10,'Brick'),
(1,15,'Bill'),
(2,22,'Jordan');

INSERT INTO oranges(diameter)
VALUES(3);
```

SQL Statements

```
SELECT name FROM orange_trees
WHERE age = 1 AND height < 20;

SELECT * FROM oranges
WHERE diameter = 3;
```

SQL && Schema

Questions