



Basic Database Terminology

A modern conference room with large windows and a long table. The room is empty, with several black office chairs arranged around a long, dark wooden conference table. The windows are floor-to-ceiling, providing a view of a cityscape. The ceiling has a grid of recessed lights. The overall atmosphere is professional and clean.

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- a relational schema can be applied to represent them

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Primary key: purchase number

Other fields: date_of_purchase, customer_id, item_code

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relational schema

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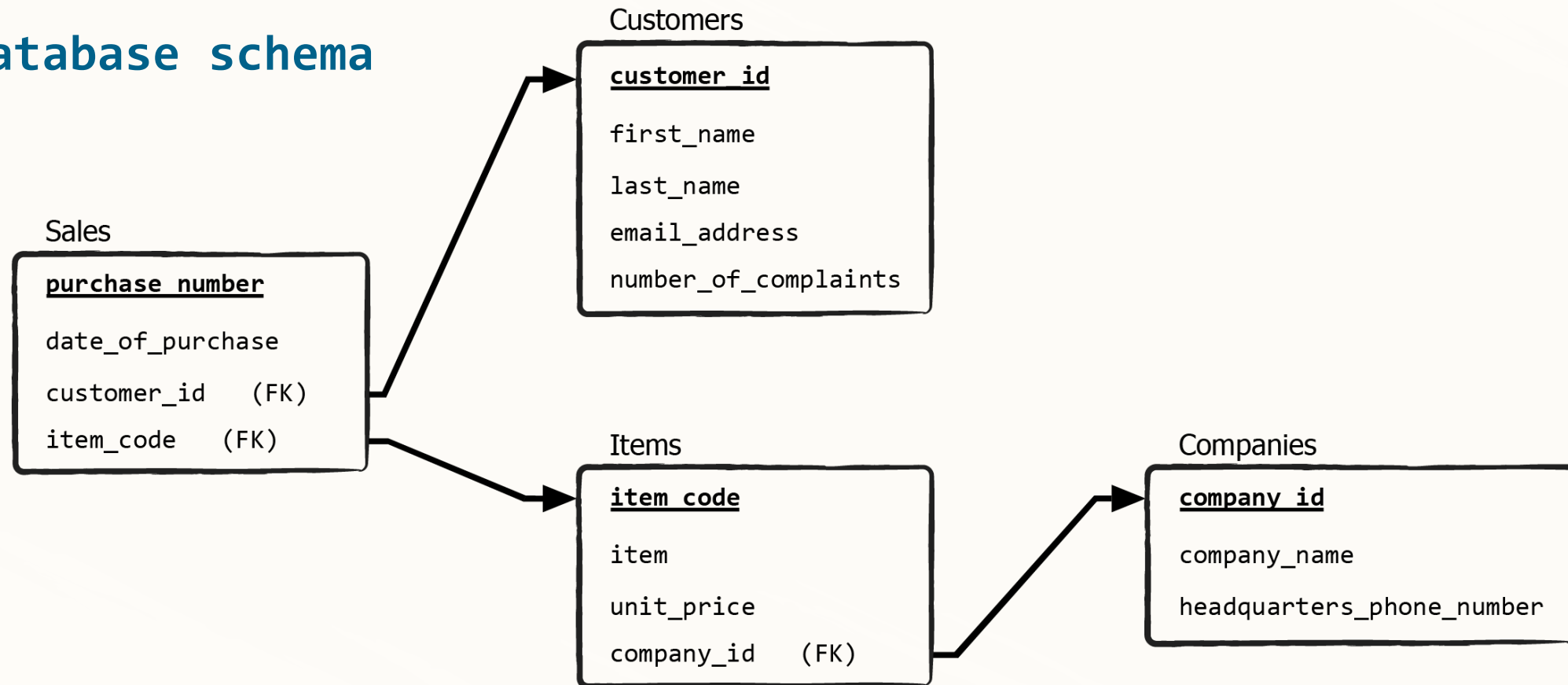
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database schema



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database schema
(relational schemas)

