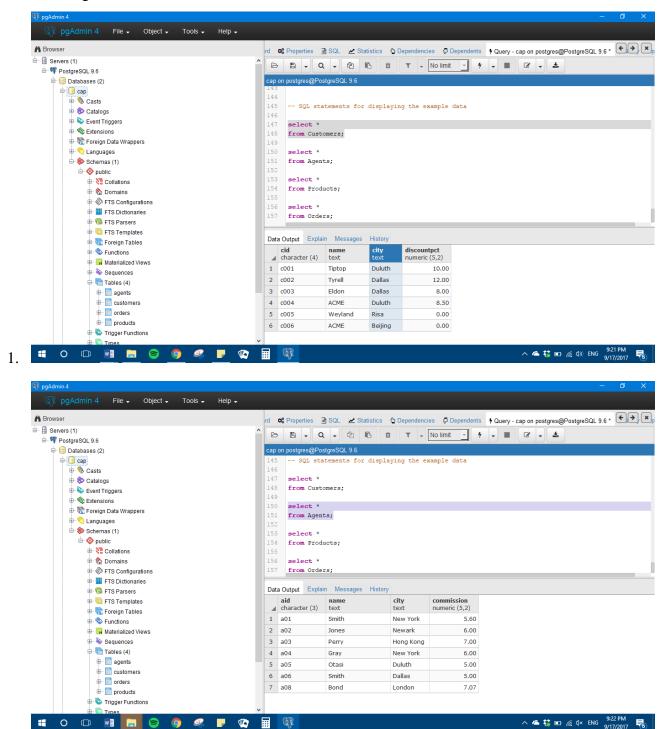
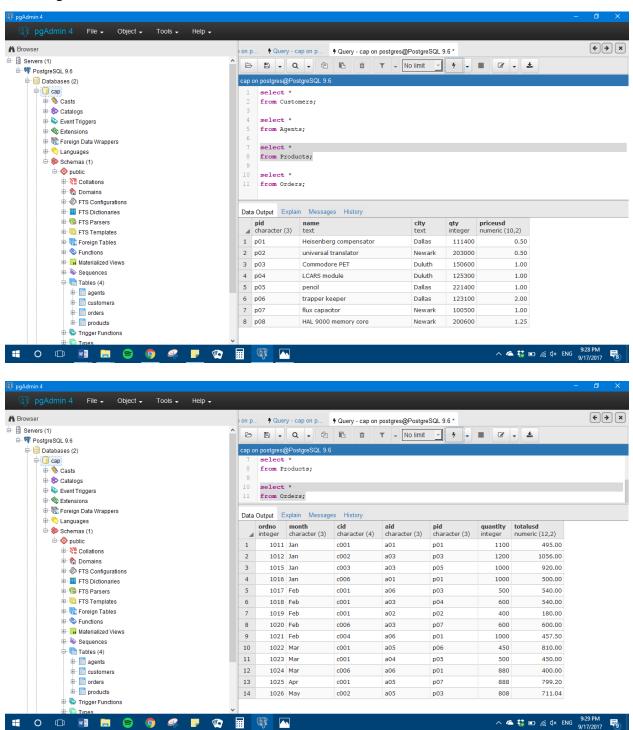
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- 2. A primary key is a column in a table that uniquely identifies each row. Values cannot repeat, nor can they be null. Candidate keys are the columns that are eligible to be the primary key. A superkey is a set of attributes that contains a key, which means every key is a superkey. Superkeys do not need to be minimal, though.
- 3. A data type is an attribute that describes an object in a table. If there was a table named Cars, the data fields would be make (string), model (string), year (integer), color (string), deluxe (Boolean), and VIN. The VIN number would be the primary key, because no 2 cars have the same VIN number. All data fields would not be nullable, except for deluxe because not every car may be the deluxe model with all the add-on gadgets.

## 4. Rules

- a. The "first normal form" rule states that each cell must be unstructured and should not be able to be broken down (for example, name can be broken down into first and last name, therefore it violates the rule). This rule is important because it helps keep the database organized well and any piece of data can be queried.
- b. The "access rows by content only" rule states that you should search a row by what is in it, not by its position. This is important because the row can change positions based on the current query. For example, if the current query lists the data in ascending alphabetical order (Chevrolet, Ford, Kia), the column with Kia is listed as the 3<sup>rd</sup> column. If the next query lists the data in descending alphabetical order (Kia, Ford, Chevrolet), then the column with Kia is listed as the 1<sup>st</sup> column.
- c. The "all rows must be unique" rule states each row should be different from each other. If more than one row had the same name, whenever you performed a query

for one you would get the other. When you write a query for specific information, you should be able to retrieve only the information you are looking for. For example, if you have 2 columns called "name" (one for first names and one for last names) and you only need the last names, there's no way for the program to know which column you were referring to.