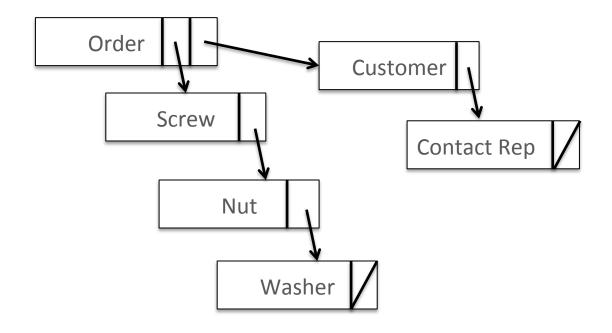
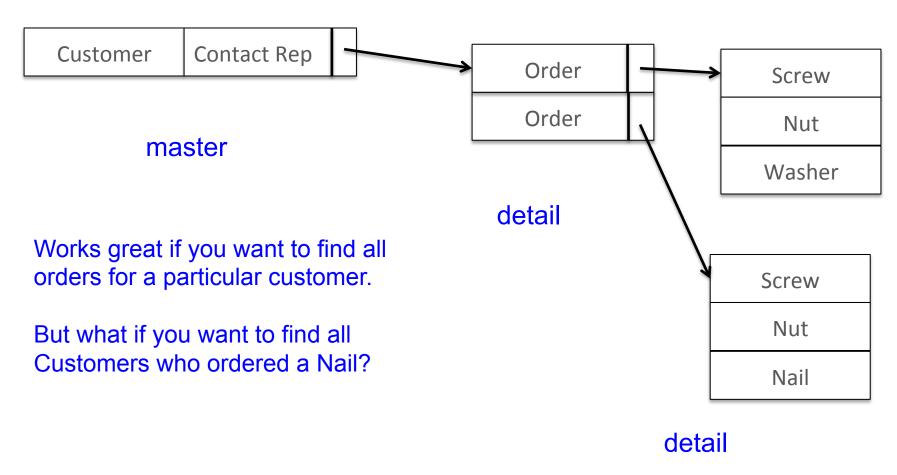
Questions to consider

- How is the data physically organized on disk?
- What kinds of queries are efficiently supported by this organization, and what kinds are not?
- How hard is it update the data, or add new data?
- What happens when I encounter new queries that I didn't anticipate? Do I reorganize the data? How hard is that?

Historical Example: Network Databases



Historical Example: Hierarchical Databases





One view

"Relational Database Management Systems were invented to let you use one set of data in multiple ways, including ways that are unforeseen at the time the database is built and the 1st applications are written."

(Curt Monash, analyst/blogger)

Relational Databases (Codd 1970)

- Everything is a table
- Every row in a table has the same columns
- Relationships are implicit: no pointers

| Course | Student Id |
|---------|------------|
| CSE 344 | 223 |
| CSE 344 | 244 |
| CSE 514 | 255 |
| CSE 514 | 244 |

| Student Id | Student Name |
|------------|--------------|
| 223 | Jane |
| 244 | Joe |
| 255 | Susan |



Database Philosophy

God made the integers; all else is the work of man.

(Leopold Kronecker, 19th Century Mathematician)

Codd made relations; all else is the work of man.

(Raghu Ramakrishnan, DB text book author)

5/11/13 Bill Howe, UW slide src: Mike Franklin



Relational Database History

Pre-Relational: if your data changed, your application broke.

Early RDBMS were buggy and slow (and often reviled), but required only 5% of the application code.

"Activities of users at terminals and most application programs should remain unaffected when the internal representation of data is changed and even when some aspects of the external representation are changed." -- Codd 1979

Key Ideas: Programs that manipulate tabular data exhibit an <u>algebraic structure</u> allowing reasoning and manipulation independently of physical data representation