Introduction to Database Systems
IDBS – Spring 2024

- Week 1:
- Course Introduction
- DBMS Introduction
- Relational Data Model
- SQL DDL

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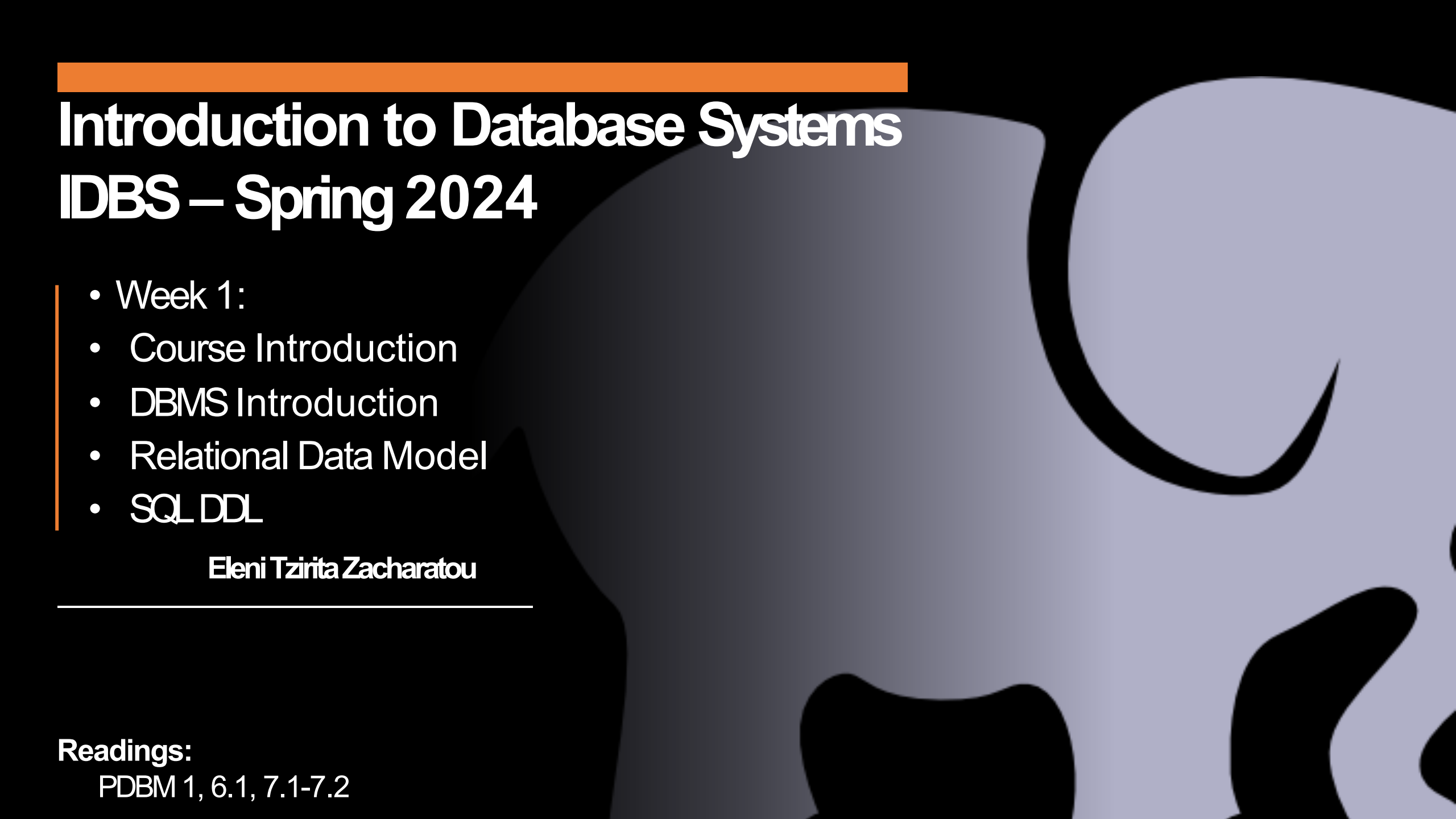

Readings:

PDBM 1, 6.1, 7.1-7.2

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Entire Data Lifecycle:
- Collection
- Transfer
- Storage
- Curation
- Processing
- Analytics

Infrastructure for Data Science

https://dasya.itu.dk

15+ People

But This is About You!

- **~ 145 Students**
  Mostly from MSc. in Software Design
- **Too many for a round table**
- **What do you expect from Introduction to Database Systems?**
  Mentimeter: https://www.menti.com/al8ndx4u3bpr

What You will Learn

User

Developer

declaratively

Query

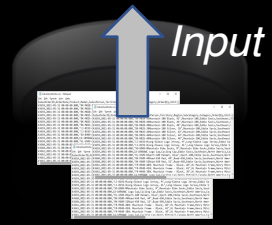
programmatically

DBMS Interface

Maintain & tune

RDBMS

Database Administrator (DBA)



Input

Raw Data

Modelling (ER Diagram)

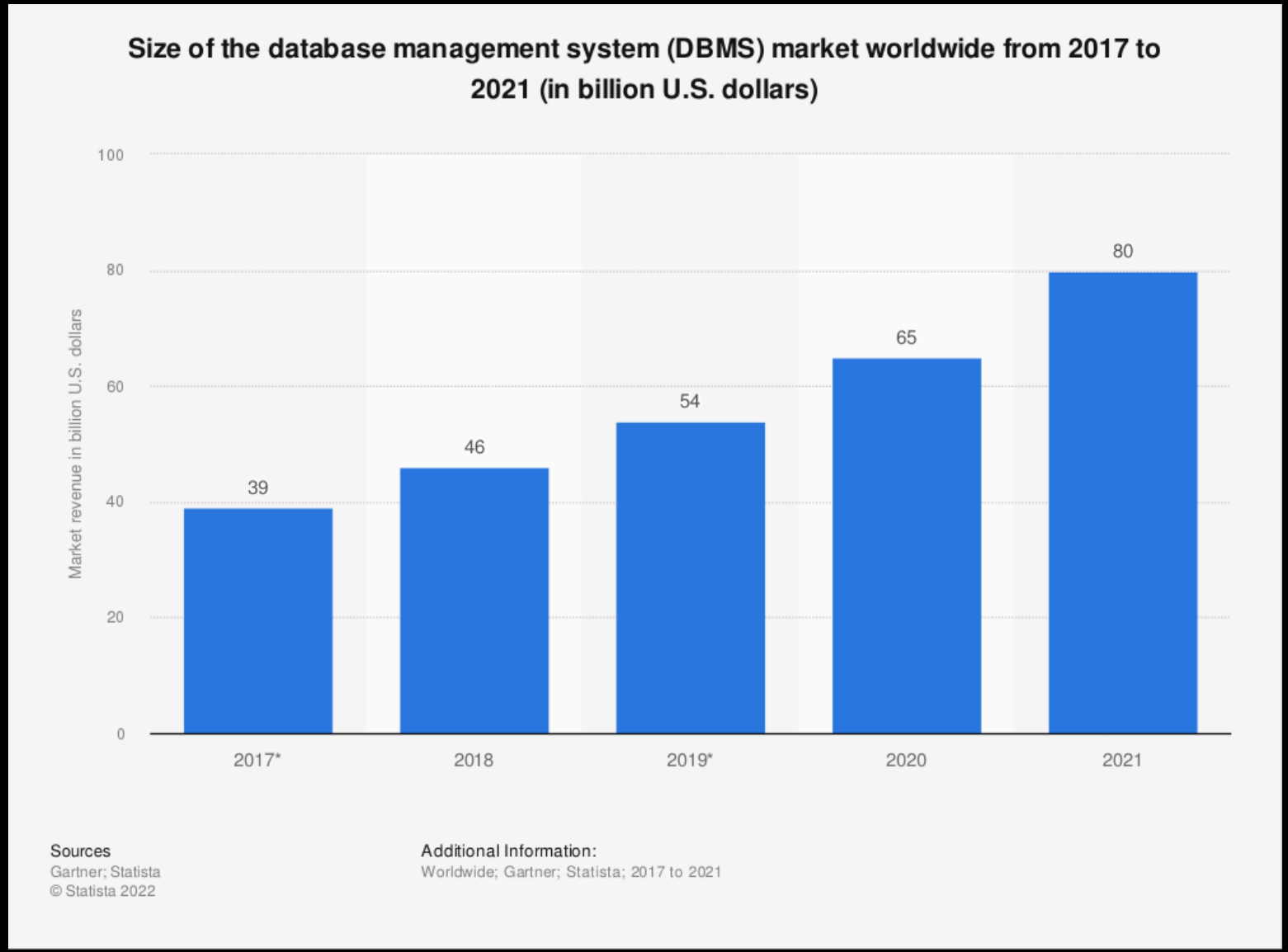
Intented Learning Outcomes

- **Write SQL queries: multiple relations; compound conditions; grouping; aggregation; and subqueries.**
- **Use relation** **cure manner.**
- **Suggest a d** **abase schema in a suitable**
- **Analyze/pre** **base using indices.**
- **Reflect upon the evolution of the hardware and storage hierarchy and its impact on data management system design.**
- **Discuss the pros and cons of different classes of data systems for modern analytics and data science applications.**

1. Getting into Database Systems
2. Getting data using SQL and from your apps
3. Design a database
4. Tune a database
5. Advanced databases (internals and big data)

Why is It Important?

- **Crucial to effectively manage and utilize data**
- **Help to maintain data integrity and security**
- **Ease app development**



https://www.statista.com/statistics/724611/worldwide-database-market/

Course Schedule

- **BSc vs MSc**
  - *Pretty much the same course*
  - *One different question (5%) on exam*

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8	4	Feb 20	Triggers; Transactions; Using SQL from Python	PDBM: 9.2, 14.1, 14.2.1, 14.5 + more (details below)	[BSc only] Exercise L4B	Lecturer: Omar Shahbaz Khan
9		Feb 27	**No lecture - only exercise session for MSc students**		[MSc only] Exercise L4M	
10	5	Mar 05	ER modeling	PDBM: 3.0-3.3, 6.3-6.4	Exercise L5	Lecturer: Omar Shahbaz Khan
11	6	Mar 12	Normalization	PDBM: 6.2-6.4	Homework 2 (due on 19.03.2024)	Lecturer: Eleni Tzirita Zacharatou
12	7	Mar 19	Storage hierarchy; Physical database design; Indexing	PDBM: 12.1, 12.2, 12.3.1 - 12.3.7 + more (details below)	Exercise L7	Lecturer: Eleni Tzirita Zacharatou
13		Mar 26	**Easter Break**			
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15	9	Apr 09	Storage Models; Architecture of a DBMS; Main memory DBMSs	PDBM: 2 + more (details below)	Homework 3 (due on 16.04.2024)	Lecturer: Eleni Tzirita Zacharatou
16	10	Apr 16	Transaction Management; Transactions in main memory DBMSs	PDBM: 14 + more (details below)	Old exercises/exams/homeworks	Lecturer: Omar Shahbaz Khan
17	11	Apr 23	Scaling-out; NoSQL; Eventual consistency; CAP theorem	PDBM: 11 (+ optional papers)	Old exercises/exams/homeworks	Lecturer: Omar Shahbaz Khan
18	12	Apr 30	Big data analytics; Distributed computing frameworks	PDBM: 19.1-19.2, 19.4, 20.1-20.3	Homework 4 (due on 07.05.2024)	Lecturer: Eleni Tzirita Zacharatou + guest
19		May 07	Trial exam			Online
20		**May 17**	**Exam**			

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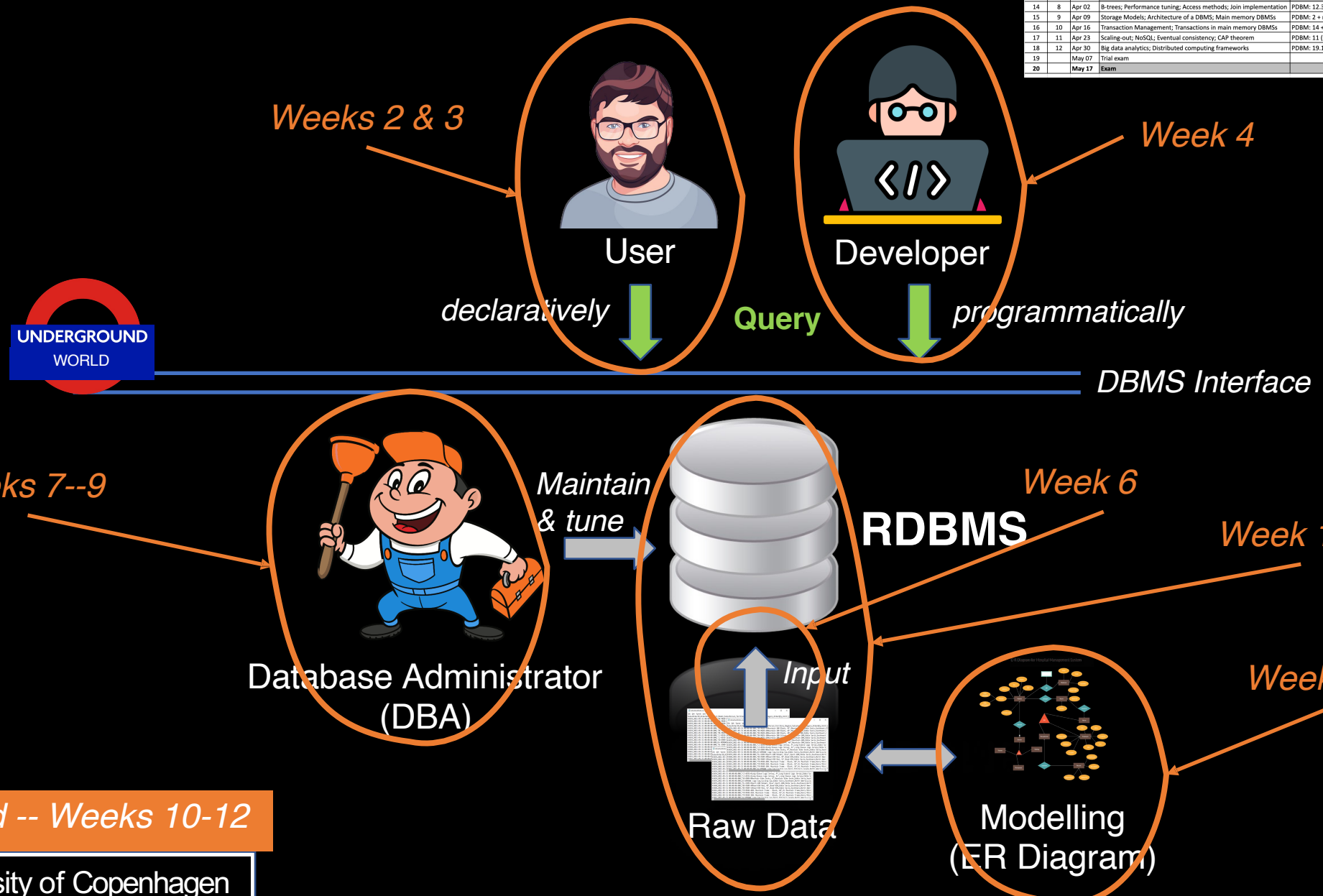

Advanced -- Weeks 10-12

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Course Structure

- **Lectures**
  - *Tuesdays 8.15 – 10:00 at Aud 1*
  - *Preparation required: reading material, watching videos*
- **Exercises**
  - *Tuesdays 10.15 – 12:00 at 3A54, 4A56, 4A58 (not this week)*
  - *Preparation not required (related to previous lecture)*
- **Homeworks**
  - *4 homeworks (deadlines published on learnIT)*
  - *Mandatory (3 out of 4), yet easy to get accepted!*
  - *Feedback in the following weeks (if submitted on time)*
- **LearnIT:** course outline, materials, announcements, …
- **Piazza:** Q&A, messages, and updates.
  - *Ask consistently throughout the semester!*
  - *Help your peers!*

Note

Exercise 1 Rooms per OS:

- Windows (3A54)
- Mac (4A56)
- Linux (4A56)
- Exceptionally this week: not using room 4A58

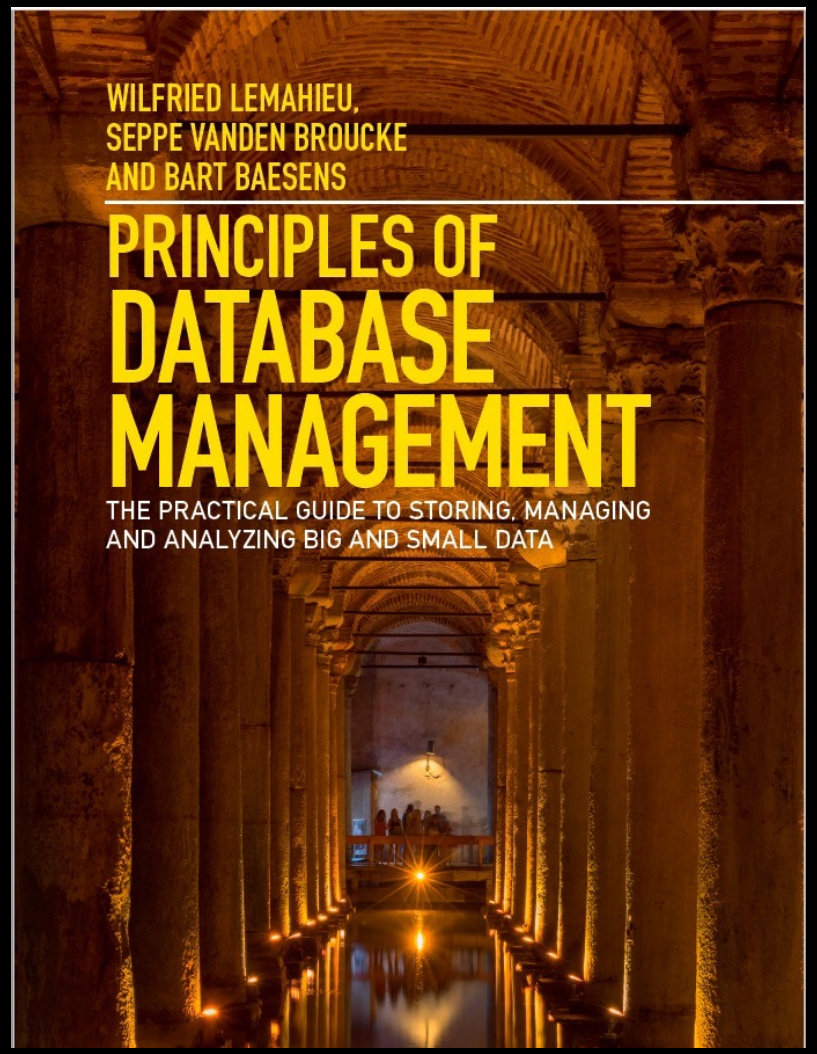
Course Methodology

- **You learn: We are here to help you!**
- **You need to read the book beforehand**
  - Yes, we often assume you have done so
  - All readings are in the schedule on learnIT
  - In some weeks, there can be some video recording for you to watch *before* the lecture
- **We work in a pull model fashion: ask questions!**

Advice

Prepare and Ask Questions

Book and Database System



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PostgreSQL
(pgAdmin + psql)

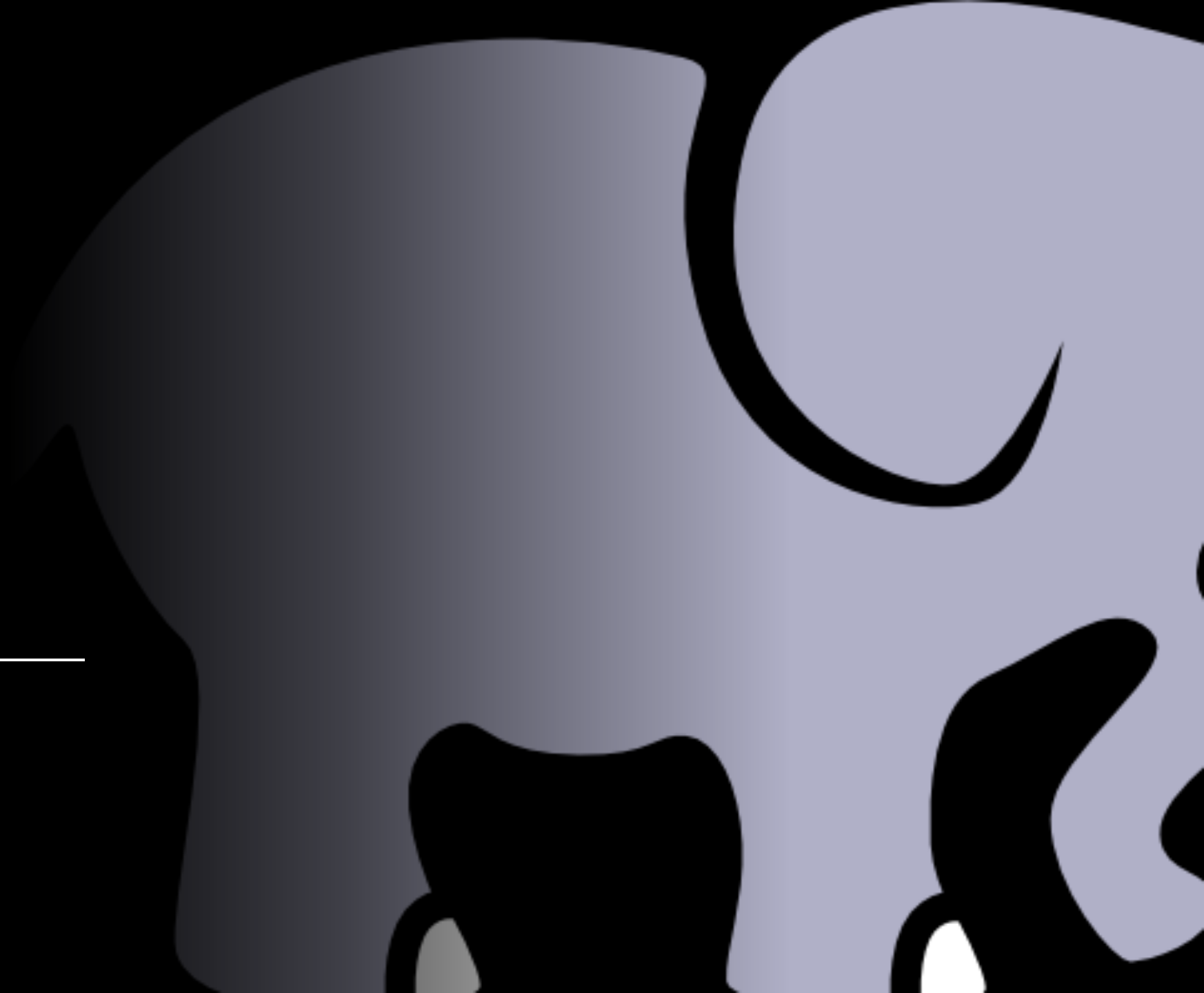
How will We Assess your Learning?

- **100% Exam (Quiz on LearnIT)**
  - Restricted: no Internet access!
  - All course materials are allowed **offline**
  - Communication is not allowed
- **Exercises and homeworks will help you prepare!**

Advice

Study the material weekly

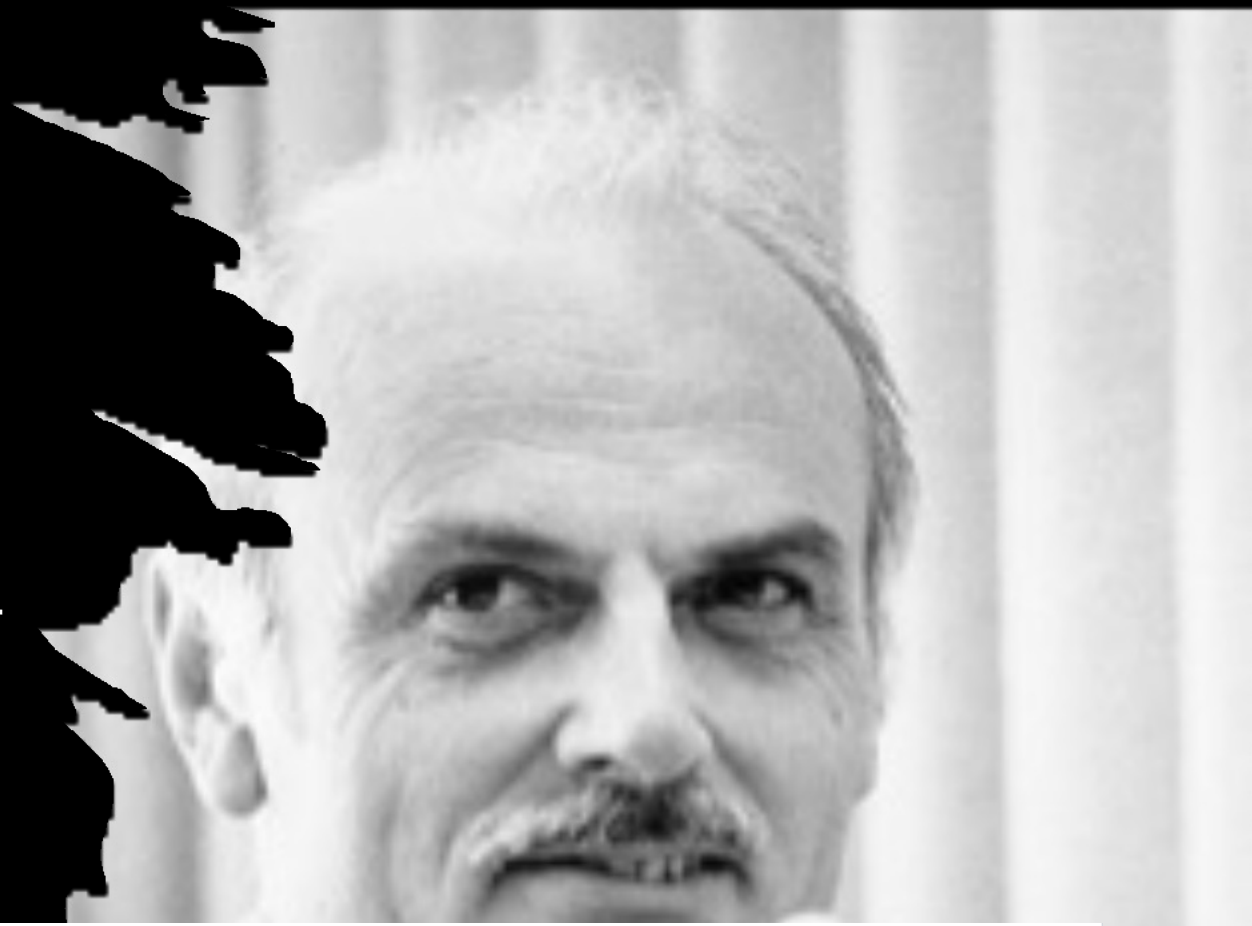
Profile of the Week



Edgar F. Codd

***Father of Databases** (Relational Model)*

- **1923:** Born 23/8, Isle of Portland, England
- **1965:** PhD in CS from University of Michigan
- **1967:** Moved to IBM Almaden Research Center
- **1969:** Invented the relational model
- **1976:** IBM Fellow
- **1981:** Turing Award
- **1994:** ACM Fellow



Information Retrieval — P. BAXENDALE, Editor

A Relational Model of Data for Large Shared Data Banks

E. F. Codd
IBM Research Laboratory, San Jose, California

The relational view (or model) of data described in Section 1 appears to be superior in several respects to the graph or network model [3, 4] presently in vogue for non-inferential systems. It provides a means of describing data with its natural structure only—that is, without superimposing any additional structure for machine representation purposes. Accordingly, it provides a basis for a high level data language which will yield maximal independence between programs on the one hand and machine representa-

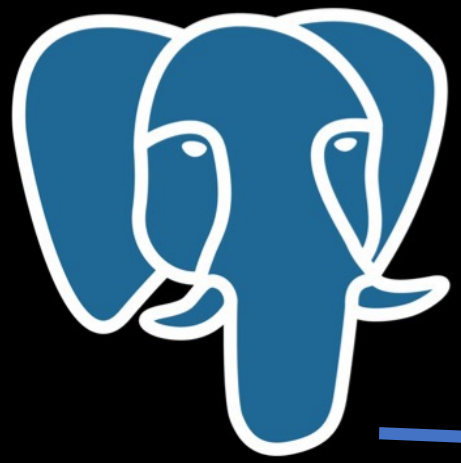
RDBMS

DBMS Brief Introduction

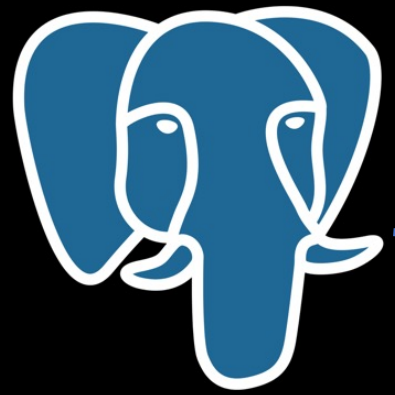
Readings:

PDBM 1

Three-Layer Applications



pgAdmin + psql



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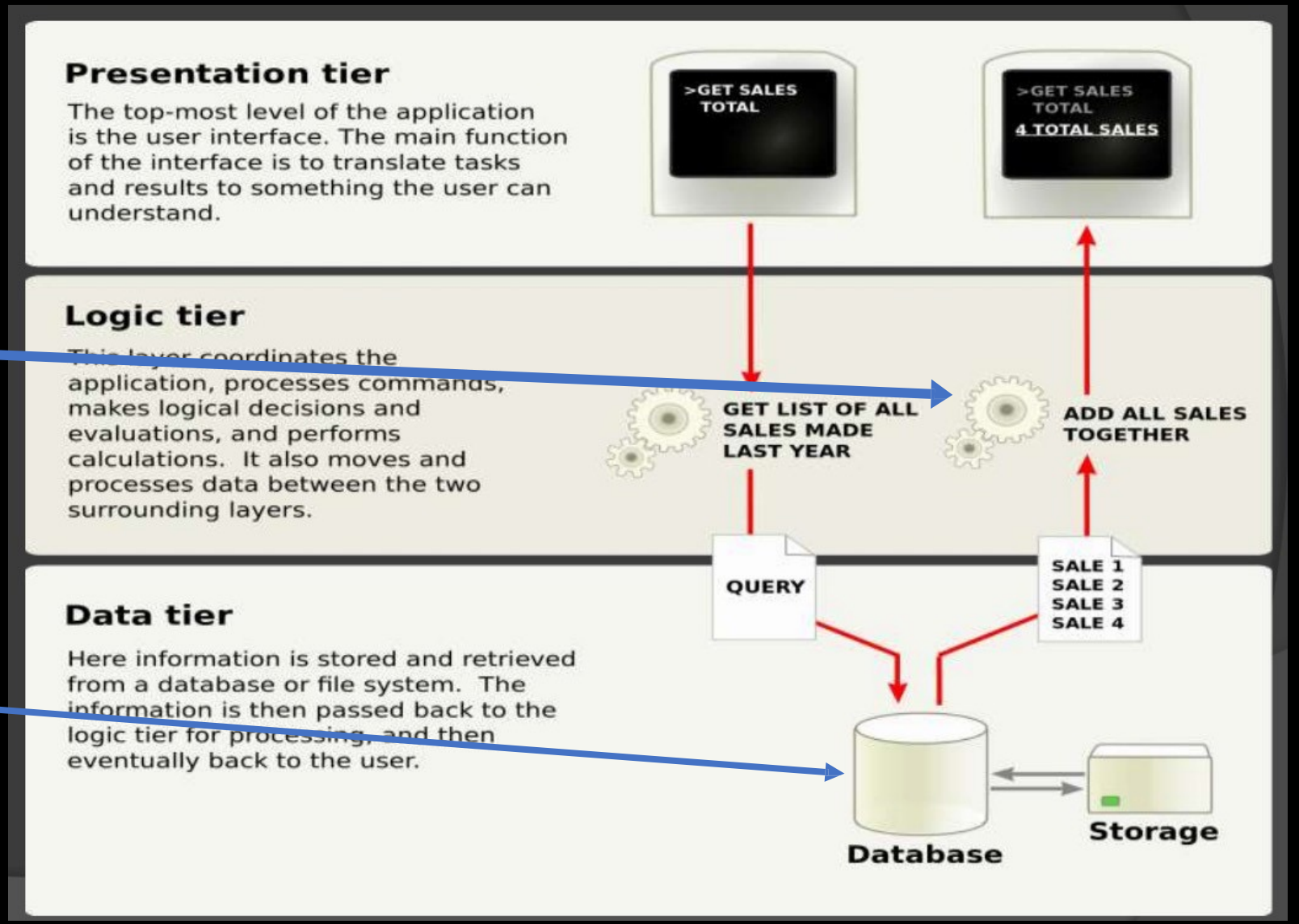


https://www.slideshare.net/shubhamdwivedi3939/dbms-architecture

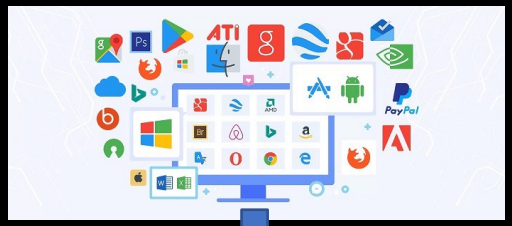
Database Definition

- A **database** is a collection of related data items within a specific business process or problem setting
- A **database system** provides a way to systematically organize, store, retrieve, and query a database

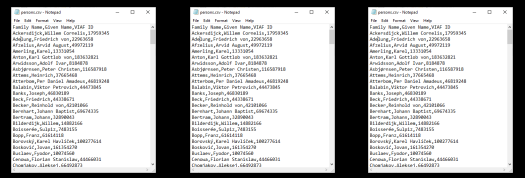
- **Cons**
  - Redundant data
  - Inconsistent data
  - **Data dependency**
  - Limited concurrency
  - Expensive maintenance
  - Poor performance

File-based Database

Apps



File storage



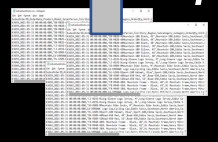
Relational Database

- A **relational database** is a type of database that is based on the **relational model**
  - stores data in a set of tables with rows and columns (a.k.a. relations)
  - uses relationships between these tables to manage the data.
- A **relational database system** (RDBMS) implements and manages relational databases.

- **Pros**
  - Unique data entities
  - Data integrity
  - **Data independency**
  - High concurrency
  - Cheap maintenance
  - High performance

RDBMS

Input



Raw Data

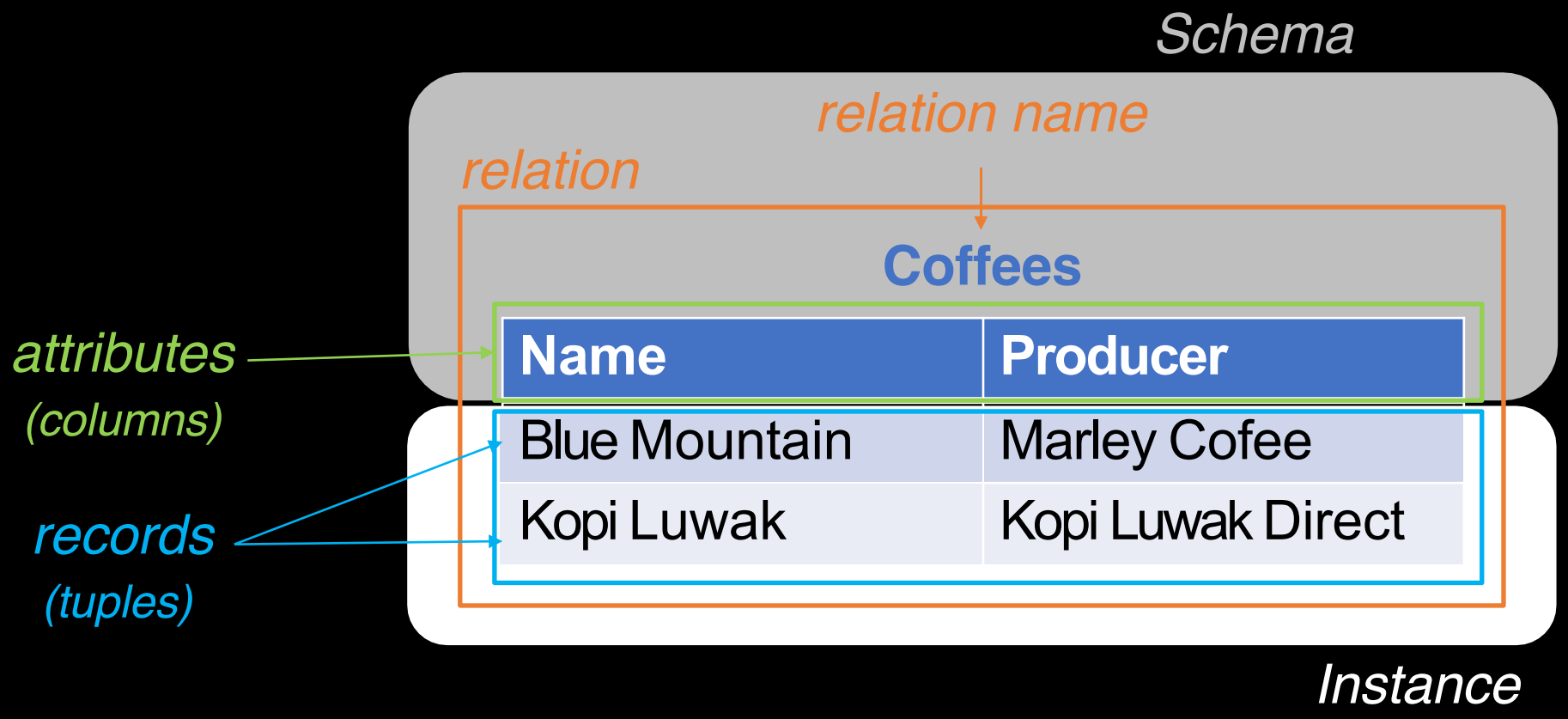
Relational Model

Readings:

PDBM 1, 6.1

Basic Concepts

Relation



Basic Concepts

Schema vs Instance vs Database

- **Relation**
  - **Schema = name + list of attributes**
    - *Optional: attribute types*
      - *Coffees (Name, Producer)*
      - *Coffees (Name:STRING, Producer:String)* -- specifies the domain
  - ***Instance***
    - *Records in a relation*
      - *E.g., (Blue Mountain, Marley Coffee)*
- **Database = collection of relations**
  - *Database schema = set of all relations names in the database*
  - *Database instance = set of all relations instances in the database*

Example of a Database Schema

- **Students** (SId:INT, Name:STRING, Email:STRING, Semester:INT)
- **Faculty** (FId:INT, Name:STRING, DId:INT)
- **Courses** (CId:STRING, Name:STRING, DId:INT)
- **Departments** (DId:INT, Name:STRING)
- **Transcripts** (CId:STRING, SId:INT, Grade:STRING, Comment:STRING)

Why Relations?

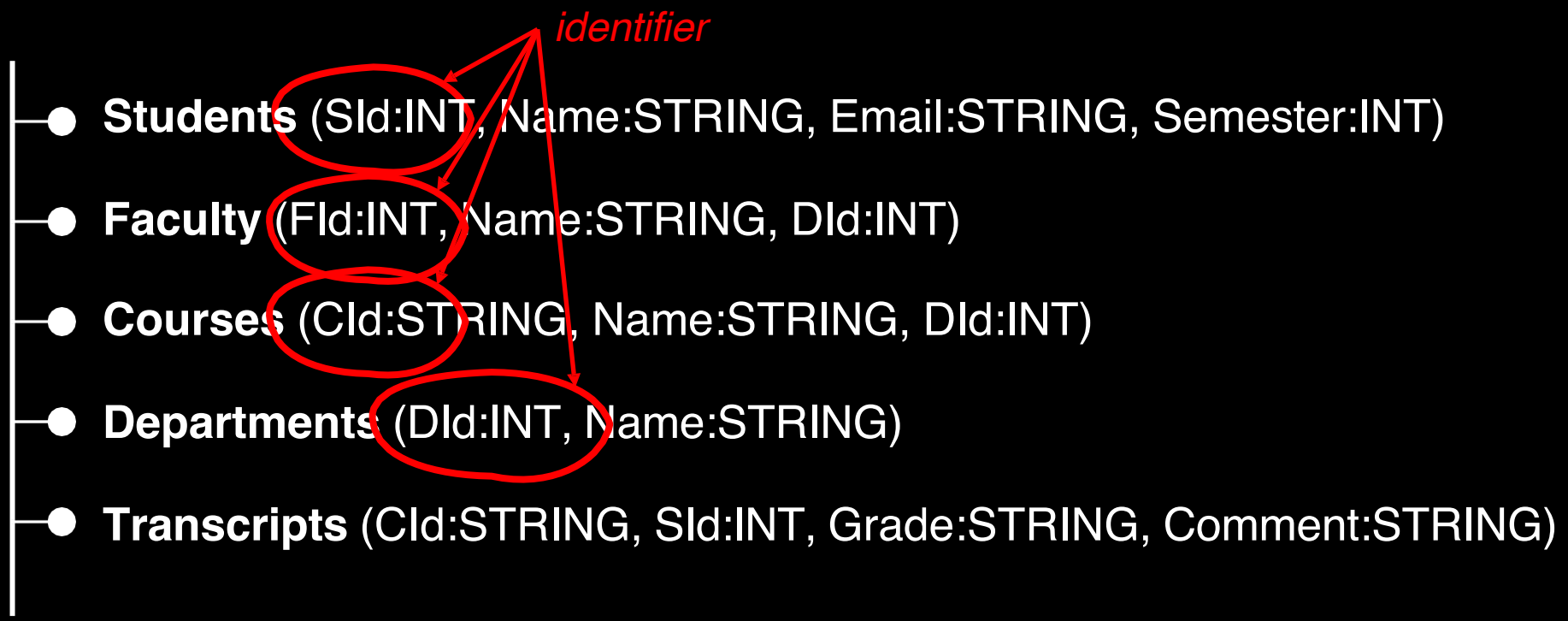
Pros

- Very simple model
- How we typically think about structured data
- Conceptual model behind SQL, which is the most important query language today

Cons

- Too simple for some things: hierarchical multi-valued data
- Much of today's data is NOT structured
- It could be complex to implement well

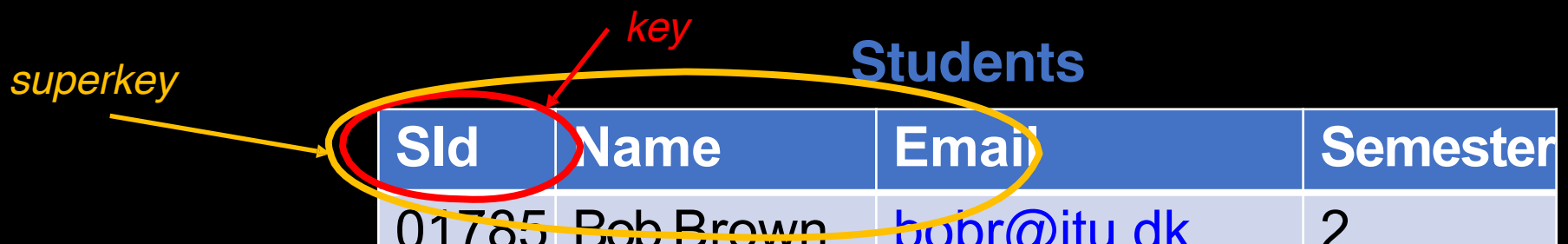
Identifiers



Keys in Relations

Keys and Superkeys

- **What is a key?**
  - Defines unique records (instances)
  - Helps in setting relationships between relations
  - Ensures the mathematical definition of a relation (*set* of records)
- **Superkeys**
  - Is a set of attributes that uniquely identify records: *Uniqueness* property
  - The entire set of attributes of a relation is a superkey
  - Minimal superkey: *Minimality* property
    - No attribute can be removed from a superkey without violating the uniqueness property



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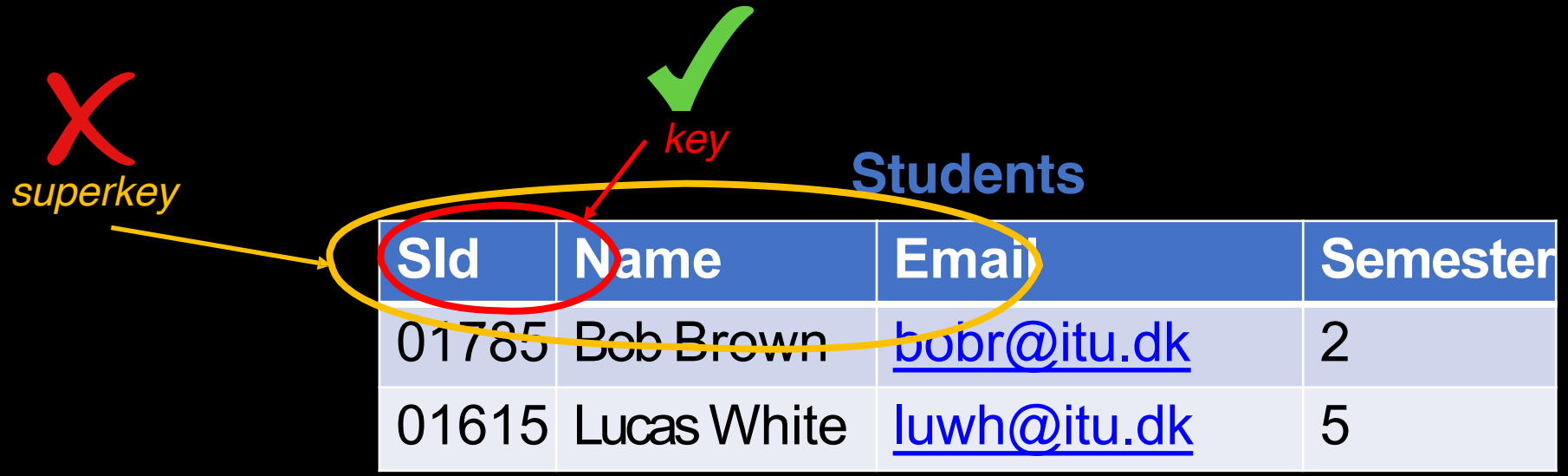
01785	Bob Brown	bobr@itu.dk	2
01615	Lucas White	luwh@itu.dk	5

Keys in Relations

Candidate Keys

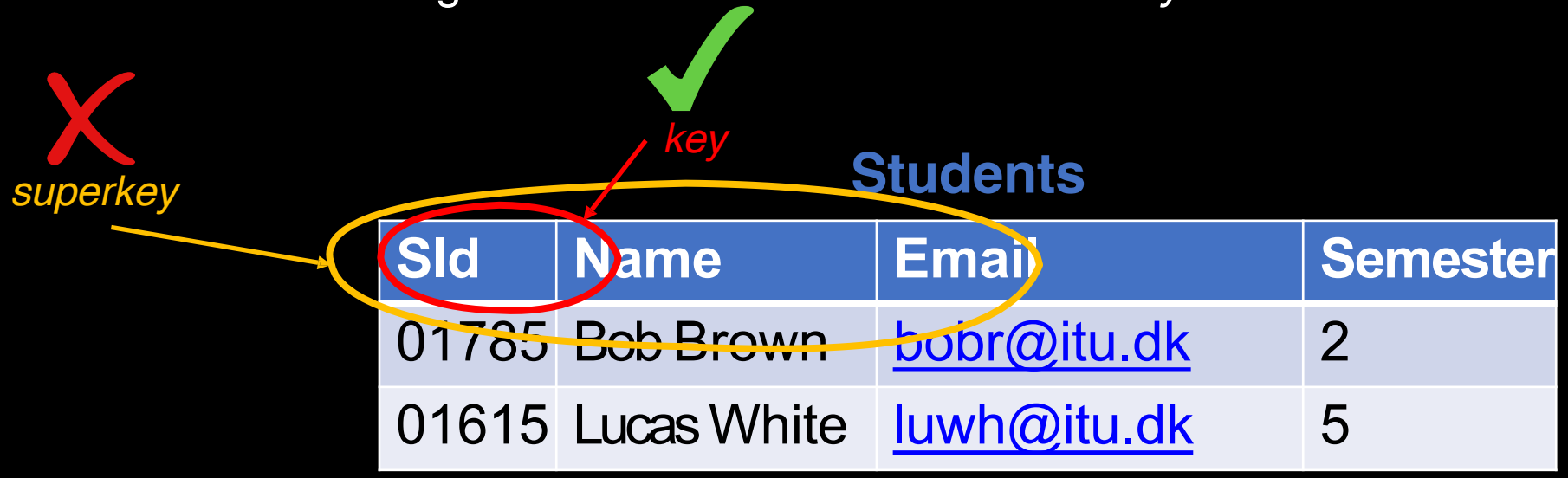
- **Attributes that satisfies the uniqueness and minimality properties**
  - Minimal superkey = (candidate) key
  - Superkeys contains at least one (candidate) key
  - A relation can have many (candidate) keys



Keys in Relations

Primary Keys

- **A key to identify records in a relation**
  - Important to define indexes and for storage purposes (later in the course)
  - Cannot be NULL
  - Also used to establish relationships with other relations
  - From all candidate keys only one can be primary key
    - The remaining ones are known as *Alternative Keys*



Keys in Relations

Live Exercise

Students

SId	Name	Email	Semester
01785	Bob Brown	bobr@itu.dk	2
01615	Lucas White	luwh@itu.dk	5
01436	Olga Marx	olma@itu.dk	6
01875	Jens Schuh	jesc@itu.dk	1
01803	Olga Marx	olmr@itu.dk	2
01567	Peter Pitt	pepi@itu.dk	1

- **What are superkeys and keys?**
  - (SId)
  - (Email)
  - (SId, Name)
  - (Semester)
  - (Email, Semester)
  - (Name)
  - (Name, Semester)
- **What is the best key for being the primary key?**
- **Which of these keys (does) not make sense in practice?**

Relationships

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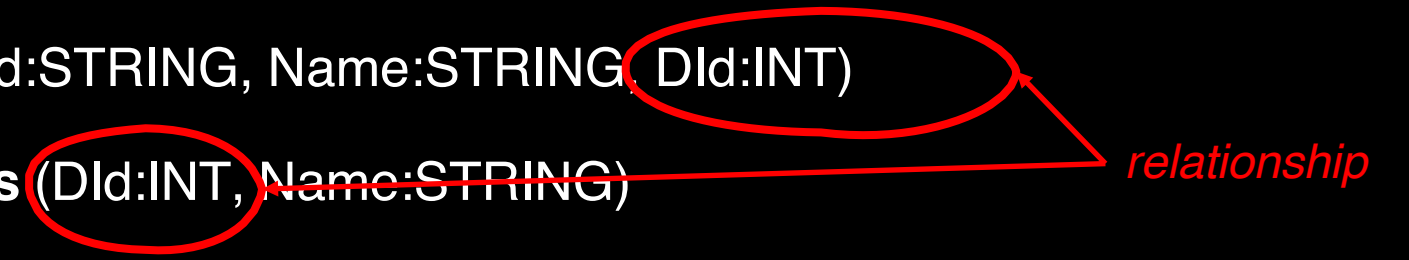

Keys in Relations

Foreign Keys

- **Defines the relationship between relations**
- **A key FK in a relation R is a foreign key iff:**
  - The attributes in FK matches a primary key PK of a relation S and they are of the same type
  - Any record *i* in R has a value in FK that either
    - occurs as a value of PK for some tuple *j* in S, or
    - is null
  - I.e., FK = PK (domain and values)
- **A relation can have several foreign keys**

Keys in Relations

Foreign Keys -- Example

PK **Departments**

DId	Name
1	Business
2	Computer Science

PK **Courses**

CId	Name	DId
MATH	Mathematics	2
I2DBS	Intro. To DB Syst.	2
SWE	Soft. Engineering	4

FK

PK **Students** Key Relation

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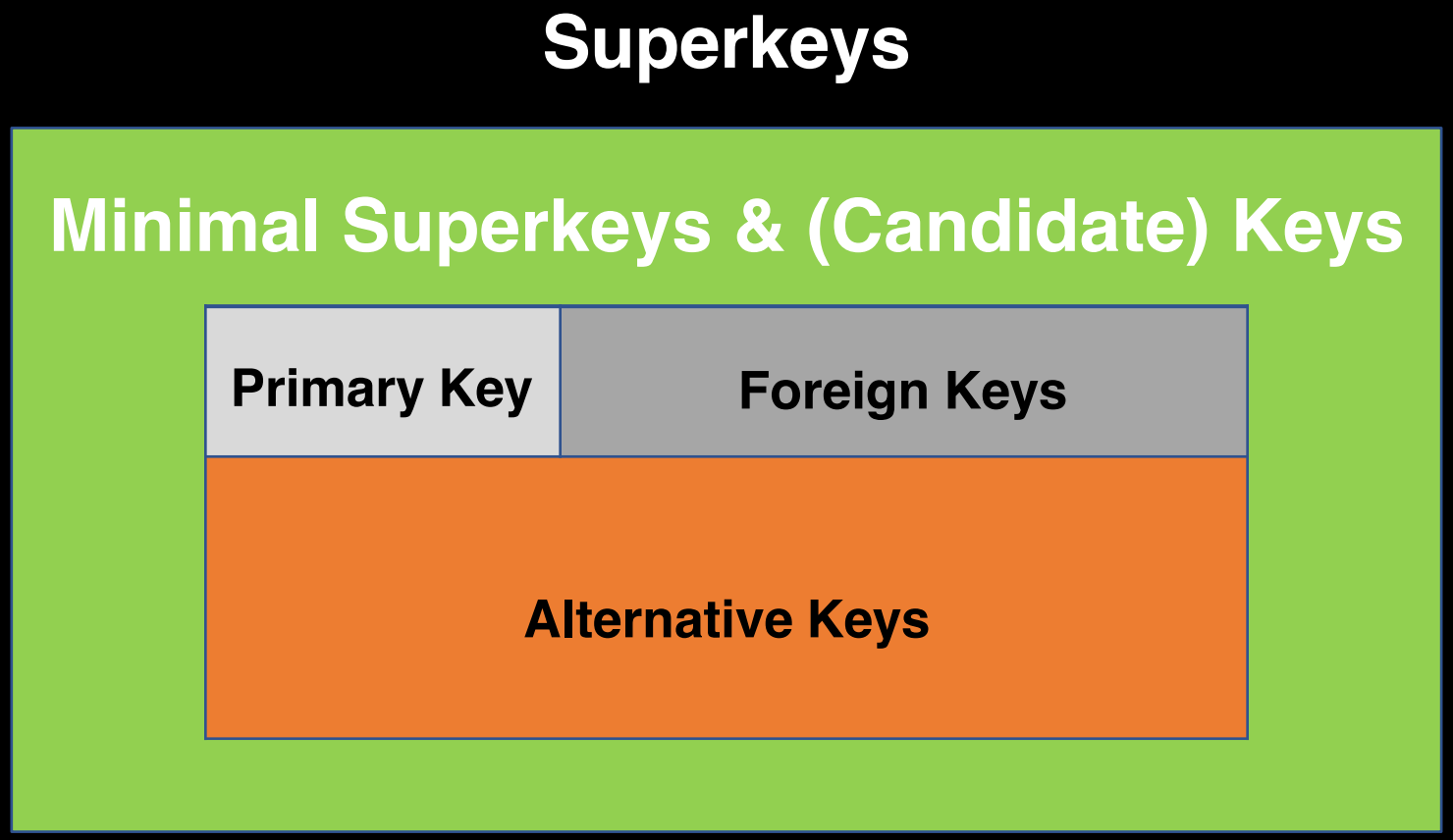
01615	Lucas White	luwh@itu.dk	5
01436	Olga Marx	olma@itu.dk	6
…	…	…	…

FK FK **Transcripts** Foreign Relation

CId	SId	Grade	Comment
I2DBS	01785	7	The student didn't…
MATH	01436	12	She was…

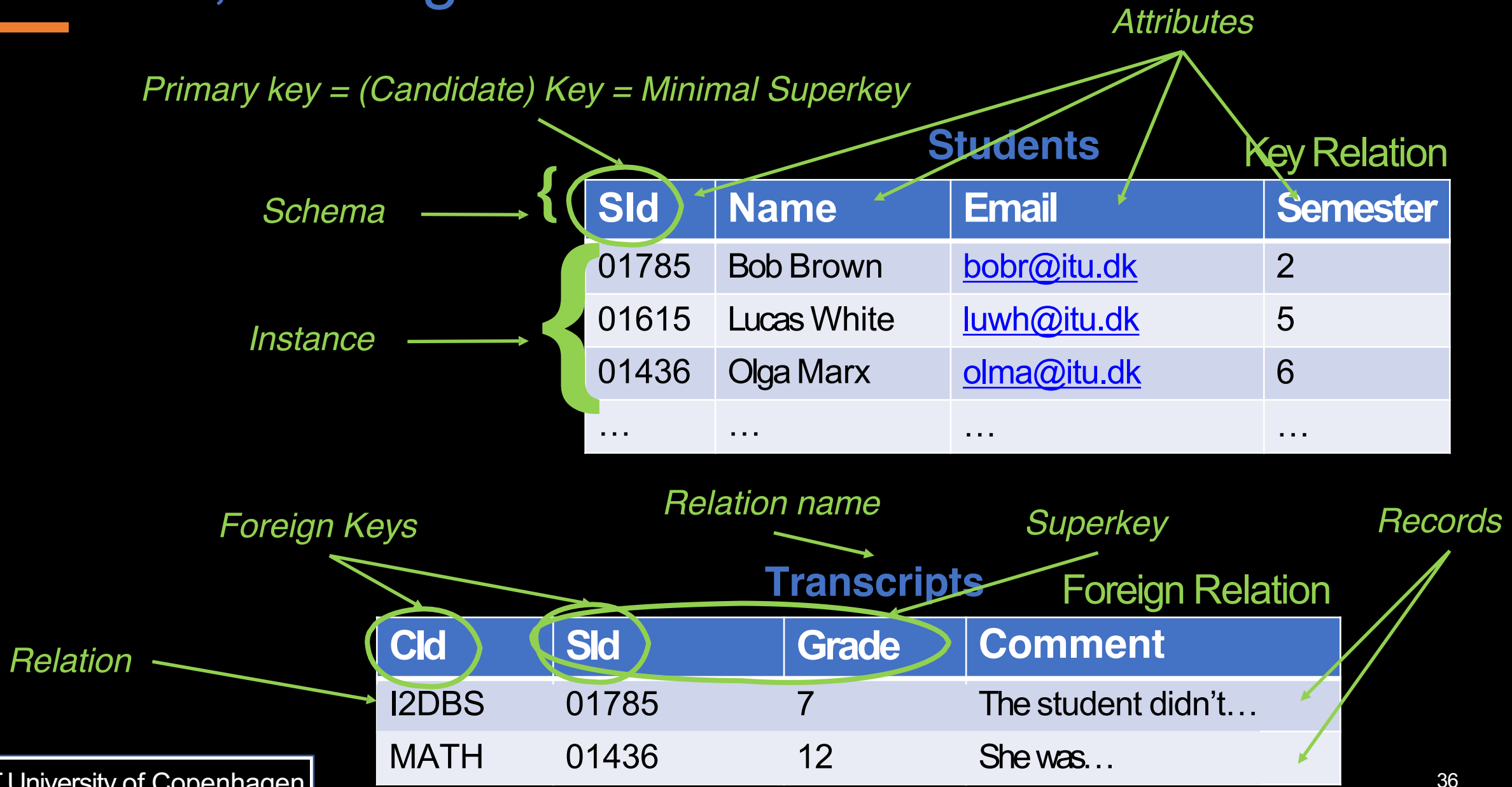
All Keys in a Relation



Note

Keys are part of the schema

So Far, All Together



Integrity Constraints

- **An integrity constraint (IC) is a limitation of the allowed content (or development) of a database**
  - Ensures that the data are always correct and consistent
  - There exist various ICs
- **It is the RDBMS that takes care of ensuring the ICs in a database**
- **ICs already seen so far**
  - Domain constraint -- attribute type and format (e.g., DATE)
  - Key constraint -- uniqueness & minimality
  - Entity constraint (PK) -- NOT NULL
  - Referential constraint (FK) -- PK = FK
- **More advanced ICs**
  - Functional dependencies
  - Temporal constraint…

SQL

User

declaratively

Query

UNDERGROUND WORLD

DBMS Interface

DBMS

Readings:

PDBM 7.1-7.2

Structured Query Language (SQL)

- **SEQUEL if you worked for IBM in the 80s**
- **SQL is primarily a query language, for getting information from a database (DML)**
  - also includes a data-definition component for describing database schemas (DDL)
- **Invented in the 70s by IBM**
- **The three most common commands in SQL queries**
  - SELECT, FROM, WHERE

```sql
SELECT * FROM Students WHERE Name = 'Lucas White';
```

History [edit]

SQL was initially developed at IBM by Donald D. Chamberlin and Raymond F. Boyce in the early 1970s.[14] This version, initially called *SEQUEL* (*Structured English Query Language*), was designed to manipulate and retrieve data stored in IBM's original quasi-relational database management system, System R, which a group at IBM San Jose Research Laboratory had developed during the 1970s.[14] The acronym SEQUEL was later changed to SQL because "SEQUEL" was a trademark of the UK-based Hawker Siddeley aircraft company.[15]

Two in One Language

- **Data Definition Language (DDL)**
  - Used by the database administrator (DBA) to define the database's data model
  - Three common commands:
    - CREATE TABLE, ALTER TABLE, and DROP TABLE

Today's focus

- **Data Manipulation Language (DML)**
  - Used by applications and users to retrieve, insert, modify, and delete records
  - Four statements:
    - SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE

First Normal Form (1NF)

- **Each attribute in a relation has:**
  - a primitive type (atomic values), and;
  - a unique name
- **The main goal is to eliminate redundant data in a relation**
- **Benefits:**
  - Data integrity
  - Data consistency
  - Easy data manipulation
  - Better data organization

Data Types

Type	Description
CHAR(n)	Fixed-length string of size *n*
VARCHAR(n)	Variable-length string of maximum size *n*
SMALLINT	Small integer (-32,768 and 32,767)
INT	Integer (-2,147,483,648 and 2,147,483,647)
FLOTAT(n, d)	Small number with a floating decimal point: n = max digits and d = max decimals
DOUBLE(n, d)	Large number with a floating decimal point: n = max digits and d = max decimals
DATE	Date in format YYYY-MM-DD
DATETIME	Date and time in format YYYY-MM-DD HH:MI:SS
TIME	Time in format HH:MI:SS
BOOLEAN	True or false
BLOB	Binary large object (typically unstructured)

Note

Check types in PostgreSQL

Create Relation Students

```sql
CREATE TABLE Students (
    SId INT,
    Name VARCHAR(255),
    Email CHAR(11),
    Semester INT
);
```

Students

SId	Name	Email	Semester

Advice

Start playing with PostgreSQL ASAP!

Define a Primary Key

```sql
ALTER TABLE Students
ADD PRIMARY KEY (SId);
```

```sql
CREATE TABLE Students (
    SId INT PRIMARY KEY,
    Name VARCHAR(255),
    Email CHAR(11),
    Semester INT
);
```

Students

SId	Name	Email	Semester

Define a Foreign Key

Students

SId	Name	Email	Semester

```sql
CREATE TABLE Departments (
    DId INT PRIMARY KEY,
    Name VARCHAR(255)
);
```

Departments

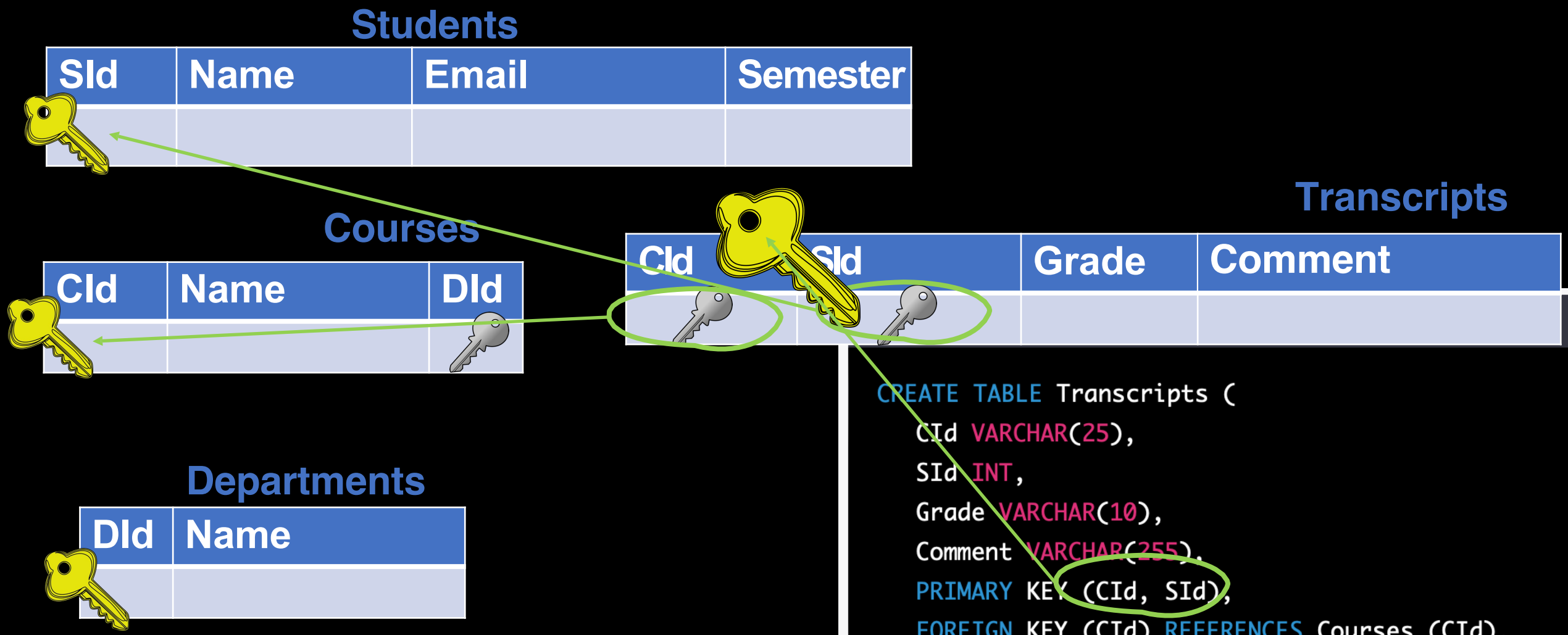
DId	Name

```sql
CREATE TABLE Courses (
    CId VARCHAR(25) PRIMARY KEY,
    Name VARCHAR(255),
    DId INT,
    FOREIGN KEY (DId) REFERENCES Departments (DId)
);
```

Courses

CId	Name	DId

Multiple-Attribute Primary Keys




```
CREATE TABLE Transcripts (
    CId VARCHAR(25),
    SId INT,
    Grade VARCHAR(10),
    Comment VARCHAR(255),
    PRIMARY KEY (CId, SId),
    FOREIGN KEY (CId) REFERENCES Courses (CId),
    FOREIGN KEY (SId) REFERENCES Students (SId)
);
```

NULL

- **What if a value is missing?**
  - Does not exist?
  - Unknown?
  - Secret?
- **SQL solution: NULL**
  - NULL = no value
  - More next week...
- **By default, attributes can be NULL**
  - Except: PRIMARY KEY attributes
  - Except: NOT NULL attributes
- **Allowing NULL values is a design decision!**

Relation Students with Not Nulls

```sql
CREATE TABLE Transcripts (
  CId VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
  SId INT NOT NULL,
  Grade VARCHAR(10) NOT NULL,
  Comment VARCHAR(255),
  PRIMARY KEY (CId, SId),
  FOREIGN KEY (CId) REFERENCES Courses(CId),
  FOREIGN KEY (SId) REFERENCES Students(SId)
);
```

Transcripts

Cannot be null

Can be null

Drop All Created Relations

```sql
DROP TABLE Transcripts;
DROP TABLE Courses;
DROP TABLE Students;
DROP TABLE Departments;
```

Takeaways

- **Relational model**
  - Relations, attributes, keys, primary & foreign keys, …
- **SQL DDL = Data Definition Language**
  - CREATE TABLE, DROP TABLE, ALTER TABLE, ...
  - Allows to create complex schemas and maintain them
- **SQL DML = Data Manipulation Language**
  - INSERT, DELETE, UPDATE, SELECT
  - Simple set of commands for complicated actions
  - (*we will dive into it next week*)

What is next?

- **Next week: SQL DML**
  - SQL DML basics, joins, aggregates, grouping, …
- **Install PostgreSQL**
  - … if you have not already done so
  - Problems: get help during the exercise session!
- **Exercises today**
  1. Scripts to start playing on LearnIT (DB install script and queries)
  2. Create a sample “Coffee” database
     - Use commands from slides provided on LearnIT
     - Write some INSERT and SELECT statements
     - Play with constraints
  3. Consider databases without a DBMS