

Data Dictionary for the Comic Book Readership Archive (CoBRA) MySQL Database

Table name	Attribute Name	Contents	Type	Required	PK or FK	FK Referenced Table
person_dim	id_person_dim	Auto-generated, unique ID for each person record		Yes	PK	
	person_authority	Person's entry in LOC, Getty, etc. if exists, as link to source		No		
	surname	Person's family name		No		
	forename	Person's given name		No		
	pers_title	Person's title – ex. Mrs. Mr. Ms. Miss. Jr. Sr.		No		
	pers_role	Person's role – ex. Private First Class, Professor (role in society)		No		
	anonymous	Select if there is no name included with activity?		No		
	alt_name	Person's alternate name if used a pseudonym or nickname		No		
	birth_year	Person's birth year, if available		No		
	byear_source	Source of person's birth year (authority, activity, etc.)		No		
	grade	Person's grade in school if applicable		No		
	race	Person's race – ex.		No		
	ethnicity	Person's ethnicity – ex.		No		
	sex	Person's sex		No		
	gender	Person's gender		No		
	occupation	Person's occupation		No		
	occu_source	Source of person's occupation (authority, activity, etc.)		No		
location_dim	id_location_dim	Auto-generated, unique ID for each location record		Yes	PK	
	street	Street address		No		
	city	City		Yes		
	state	State		No		
	country	Country		Yes		
	zip_code	Zip code		No		
source_dim	id_source_dim	Auto-generated, unique ID for each source record		Yes	PK	
	source_type	Type of source (issue, fanzine, etc)		Yes		
	GCD_link	If an issue, link to Grand Comics Database record		No		
	pub_date	Publication date		No		
	issue_number	Issue number		No		
	series_name	Series name (Fantastic Four, Spiderman, etc)		No		
	page_num	Page number activity found		No		
phys_loc	id_source_of_source	Unique ID describing the physical source of the source		Yes	FK	source_dim
	id_phys_loc	Auto-generated, unique ID for each physical source record		Yes	PK	
	phys_loc_name	Name of physical location (ie Michigan State U Libraries)				
	phys_loc_street	Physical location street address (address fields needed?)				
	phys_loc_city	Physical location city				
	phys_loc_state	Physical location state				
	phys_loc_zip	Physical location zip				

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Comment [1]: Does this actually happen?

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Comment [2]: Bolded are things that can possibly change – put in different connecting table?

	phys_loc_country phys_loc_phone	Physical location country Physical location phone number				
letter_dim	id_letter_dim letter_title salutation closing letter_text letter_pg_title	Auto-generated, unique ID for each letter record Unique letter title Salutation of letter Closing line of letter Full text of letter Title of page/column name letter is found on		Yes Yes No No No Yes	PK	
review_dim	id_review_dim review_title review_text	Auto-generated, unique ID for each review record Title of review Full text of review		Yes Yes No	PK	
contest_dim	id_contest_dim contest_name contest_desc contest_affiliation	Auto-generated, unique ID for each contest record Contest name Description of contest Contest affiliation (series name, fanzine name, etc)		Yes Yes Yes Yes	PK	
club_dim	id_club_dim fan_club_name fan_club_abbr club_association	Auto-generated, unique ID for each fan club record Fan club name (ex - Friends of Ol' Marvel) Abbreviation of fan club name (ex - FOOM) Fan club association (series name, publisher, etc)		Yes Yes No Yes	PK	
meeting_dim	id_meeting_dim mtg_name	Auto-generated, unique ID for each meeting record Name of meeting (San Diego Comic Convention, etc.) <i>Connect to location through activity_fact</i>		Yes Yes	PK	
mention_dim	id_mention_dim mention_pg_title mention_desc	Auto-generated, unique ID for each editorial record Name of section featuring mention (ie. Stan Lee's Soapbox) Description of section (ie. monthly column by Stan Lee...)		Yes	PK	
classified_dim	id_classified_dim classified_title classified_info	Auto-generated, unique ID for each classified record Title of classified Information included in classified		Yes Yes Yes	PK	
pen_pals_dim	id_pen_pals_dim column_title penpals_desc	Auto-generated, unique ID for each pen pals record Title of pen pals column Description of pen pals (each name?)		Yes Yes ?	PK	
traces_dim	id_traces_dim traces_col_title traces_desc	Auto-generated, unique ID for each traces record Title of traces column Description of trace		Yes Yes Yes	PK	
activity_fact	id_activity_fact fact_person fact_location fact_letter fact_review	Auto-generated, unique ID for each activity fact record ID from person record ID from location record ID from letter record ID from review record		Yes No No No No	PK FK FK FK FK	person_dim location_dim letter_dim review_dim

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Comment [3]: How many of these fields do we need in this table?

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Comment [4]: Concat last name and month/year? So ex 'thomas031972'
-Just make this the primary key?
-Will this system always produce a unique value?

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Comment [5]: If they are two people names, should this table be more of a self-reference to the person_dim table? Not sure how to handle this one

	fact_contest	ID from contest record		No	FK	contest_dim
	fact_club	ID from club record		No	FK	club_dim
	fact_meeting	ID from meeting record		No	FK	meeting_dim
	fact_editorial	ID from editorial record		No	FK	editorial_dim
	fact_classified	ID from classified record		No	FK	classified_dim
	fact_pen_pals	ID from pen pals record		No	FK	pen_pals_dim
	fact_traces	ID from traces record		No	FK	traces_dim
	fact_source	ID from source record		No	FK	source_dim