

**Scenario:** Let's consider a retail business that wants to analyze sales data across different dimensions like time, product, and location.

**1. Star Schema Example**

The **Star Schema** is a simple database design in a data warehouse, where a central fact table is directly connected to several dimension tables.

- **Fact Table: Sales**
  - Columns: `Sales\_ID`, `Product\_ID`, `Date\_ID`, `Store\_ID`, `Quantity\_Sold`, `Total\_Sales\_Amount`
- **Dimension Tables:**
  - **Product Dimension:**
    - `Product\_ID`, `Product\_Name`, `Category`, `Brand`
  - **Date Dimension:**
    - `Date\_ID`, `Date`, `Month`, `Quarter`, `Year`
  - **Store Dimension:**
    - `Store\_ID`, `Store\_Name`, `City`, `State`, `Country`

**Sample Data:**

- **Fact Table (Sales):**

| Sales_ID | Product_ID | Date_ID  | Store_ID | Quantity_Sold | Total_Sales_Amount |
|----------|------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1        | 101        | 20230101 | 1        | 5             | \$500              |
| 2        | 102        | 20230102 | 2        | 3             | \$300              |
- **Product Dimension:**

| Product_ID | Product_Name | Category    | Brand |
|------------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| 101        | Laptop       | Electronics | Dell  |
| 102        | Smartphone   | Electronics | Apple |
- **Date Dimension:**

| Date_ID  | Date        | Month | Quarter | Year |
|----------|-------------|-------|---------|------|
| 20230101 | 01-Jan-2023 | Jan   | Q1      | 2023 |
| 20230102 | 02-Jan-2023 | Jan   | Q1      | 2023 |
- **Store Dimension:**

| Store_ID | Store_Name | City          | State | Country |
|----------|------------|---------------|-------|---------|
| 1        | Store A    | New York      | NY    | USA     |
| 2        | Store B    | San Francisco | CA    | USA     |

## 2. Snowflake Schema Example

The **Snowflake Schema** is a more normalized version of the star schema, where dimension tables are further broken down into related tables.

- **Fact Table: Sales**
  - Same as in the Star Schema:
  - Columns: `Sales\_ID`, `Product\_ID`, `Date\_ID`, `Store\_ID`, `Quantity\_Sold`, `Total\_Sales\_Amount`
- **Dimension Tables:**
  - **Product Dimension:**
    - `Product\_ID`, `Product\_Name`, `Category\_ID`, `Brand\_ID`
  - **Category Dimension (Normalized from Product Dimension):**
    - `Category\_ID`, `Category\_Name`
  - **Brand Dimension (Normalized from Product Dimension):**
    - `Brand\_ID`, `Brand\_Name`
  - **Date Dimension:**
    - `Date\_ID`, `Date`, `Month\_ID`, `Quarter\_ID`, `Year`
  - **Month Dimension (Normalized from Date Dimension):**
    - `Month\_ID`, `Month\_Name`
  - **Quarter Dimension (Normalized from Date Dimension):**
    - `Quarter\_ID`, `Quarter\_Name`
  - **Store Dimension:**
    - `Store\_ID`, `Store\_Name`, `City\_ID`
  - **City Dimension (Normalized from Store Dimension):**
    - `City\_ID`, `City\_Name`, `State\_ID`
  - **State Dimension (Normalized from City Dimension):**
    - `State\_ID`, `State\_Name`, `Country\_ID`
  - **Country Dimension (Normalized from State Dimension):**
    - `Country\_ID`, `Country\_Name`

Sample Data:

- Fact Table (Sales):

| Sales_ID | Product_ID | Date_ID  | Store_ID | Quantity_Sold | Total_Sales_Amount |
|----------|------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1        | 101        | 20230101 | 1        | 5             | \$500              |
| 2        | 102        | 20230102 | 2        | 3             | \$300              |

- Product Dimension:

| Product_ID | Product_Name | Category_ID | Brand_ID |
|------------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| 101        | Laptop       | 10          | 20       |
| 102        | Smartphone   | 10          | 21       |

- Category Dimension:

| Category_ID | Category_Name |
|-------------|---------------|
| 10          | Electronics   |

- Brand Dimension:

| Brand_ID | Brand_Name |
|----------|------------|
| 20       | Dell       |
| 21       | Apple      |

- Date Dimension:

| Date_ID  | Date        | Month_ID | Quarter_ID | Year |
|----------|-------------|----------|------------|------|
| 20230101 | 01-Jan-2023 | 1        | 1          | 2023 |
| 20230102 | 02-Jan-2023 | 1        | 1          | 2023 |

- Month Dimension:

| Month_ID | Month_Name |
|----------|------------|
| 1        | January    |

- Quarter Dimension:

| Quarter_ID | Quarter_Name |
|------------|--------------|
| 1          | Q1           |

- **Store Dimension:**

| Store_ID | Store_Name | City_ID |
|----------|------------|---------|
| 1        | Store A    | 100     |
| 2        | Store B    | 101     |

- **City Dimension:**

| City_ID | City_Name     | State_ID |
|---------|---------------|----------|
| 100     | New York      | 200      |
| 101     | San Francisco | 201      |

- **State Dimension:**

| State_ID | State_Name | Country_ID |
|----------|------------|------------|
| 200      | NY         | 300        |
| 201      | CA         | 300        |

- **Country Dimension:**

| Country_ID | Country_Name |
|------------|--------------|
| 300        | USA          |

## Comparison

- **Star Schema:**
  - Easier to understand and navigate.
  - Denormalized with fewer joins required in queries.
  - Faster query performance but potentially more data redundancy.
- **Snowflake Schema:**
  - More normalized, which reduces redundancy and saves storage space.
  - More complex queries with multiple joins.
  - Typically used in scenarios where data integrity and storage efficiency are critical.

These schemas are foundational structures in a data warehouse, designed to efficiently organize and query large volumes of data.