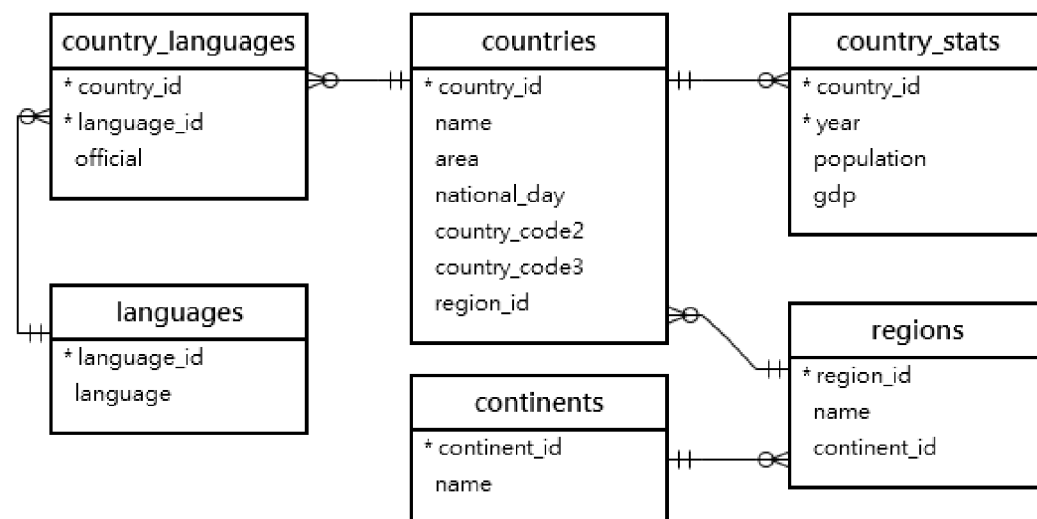# MariaDB Sample Database

Summary: in this tutorial, you will learn about a MariaDB sample database `nation` and how to load the sample database into the MariaDB server.

Introduction to the MariaDB sample database

The `nation` database has six tables that store basic information on countries, regions, languages, and statistics.

The following picture illustrates the `nation` sample database:

The countries table

The `countries` table stores basic information on countries including the country name, the area in km2, independent year, 2-digit and 3-digit country codes, and region.