Data Model Design

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Once per user:

- user id
- first name, last name,
- ...
- \Rightarrow Columns on a users table

Multiple entries per user:

- More than one job in their career (positions)
- Varying numbers of periods of education
- Number of pieces of contact information

 \Rightarrow one-to-many relationships

Data Model and Relationships

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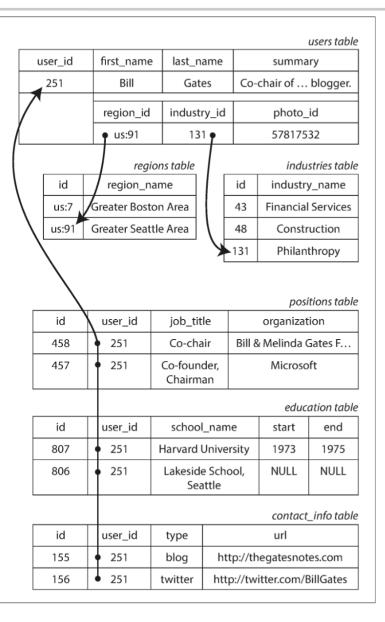
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Traditional SQL Demo

```
FROM users

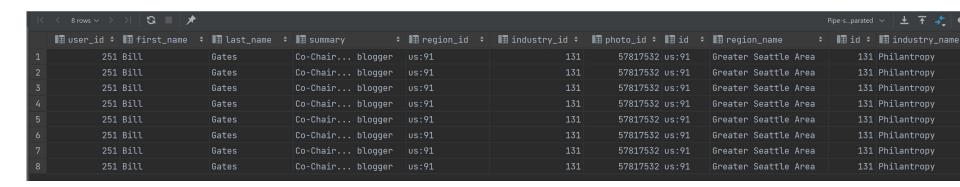
JOIN regions ON regions.id = users.region_id

JOIN industries ON industries.id = users.industry_id

JOIN positions ON positions.user_id = users.user_id

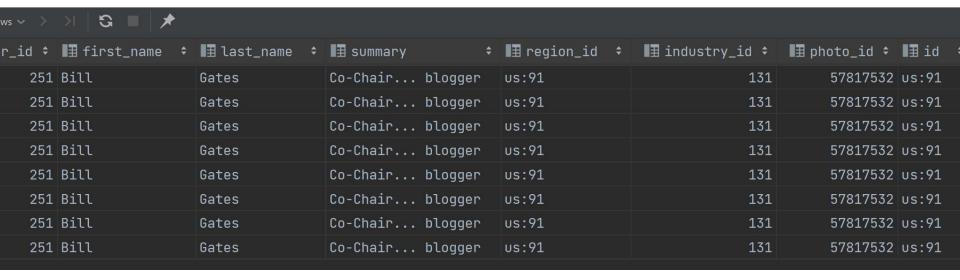
JOIN education ON education.user_id = users.user_id

JOIN contact_info ON contact_info.user_id = users.user_id;
```

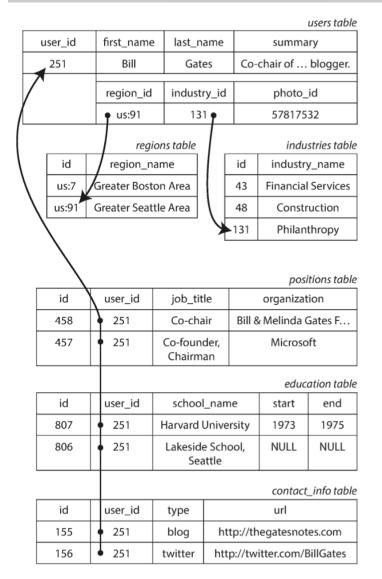


Combinatorial/Cartesian Explosion

 Amount of duplicated data may grow and adversely affect performance and ambiguity



Traditional Model



- Perform multiple queries (query each table by user_id)
- Multi-way join between the users table and subordinate tables
- Applications in OOP:

 Translation layer required

Translation layer required for objects in the database

Disconnect is called *impedance mismatch*¹

[1] Term from electronics:

Every electric circuit has a certain impedance (resistance to alternating current) on its inputs and outputs. When you connect one circuit's output to another one's input, the power transfer across the connection is maximized if the output and input impedances of the two circuits match. An impedance mismatch can lead to signal reflections and other troubles.

Store as Document

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```
"user_id":
                251,
  "first_name": "Bill",
  "last_name": "Gates",
  "summary": "Co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates... Active blogger.",
  "region_id": "us:91".
  "industry_id": 131,
  "photo_url": "/p/7/000/253/05b/308dd6e.jpg",
  "positions":
   {"job_title": "Co-chair", "organization": "Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation"},
   {"job_title": "Co-founder, Chairman", "organization": "Microsoft"}
  ],
  "education": [
   {"school name": "Harvard University", "start": 1973, "end": 1975},
   {"school_name": "Lakeside School, Seattle", "start": null, "end": null}
  "contact_info": {
              "http://thegatesnotes.com",
   "blog":
   "twitter": "http://twitter.com/BillGates"
}
```

That would be it

db.users.find({ id: 251 })

```
"user id":
              251.
"first name": "Bill".
"last_name": "Gates",
"summary":
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"contact info": {
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```

- JSON model reduces the impedance mismatch between the application code and the storage layer
- Better locality than the multi-table schema
- All the relevant information is in one place and one query is sufficient (No Joins)

Document Databases

Representation as Hierarchy

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                                                                                                             education
  {"job_title": "Co-founder, Chairman", "
],
"education": [
                                                                                                   job 3
                                                                               job 1
                                                                                         job 2
                                                                                                             edu 1
                                                                                                                       edu 2
  {"school_name": "Harvard University",
  {"school_name": "Lakeside School, Seatt
                                                                                                       school_name > start - end >
                                                                          job_title
                                                                                               job_title
                                                                             organization
                                                                                     job_title
                                                                                       organization
                                                                                                 organization
                                                                                                                  school_name
"contact_info": {
  "blog":
               "http://thegatesnotes.com",
  "twitter": "http://twitter.com/BillGate
```

Documents vs Relations

- Main arguments in favor of documents:
 - schema flexibility
 - better performance due to locality
 - for some applications it is closer to the data structures used by the application.
- The relational model counters by providing
 - better support for joins
 - many-to-one
 - many-to-many relationships

Challenges

Consistency

- Referential Integrity: Take a moment to think about updates, e.g. The city is stored in only one place, so it is easy to update across the board if it ever needs to be changed
- The ID can remain the same, even if the information it identifies changes
- Extending the model

Integrity due to "schema flexiblity"

That's not all...



- Many more differences when comparing relational databases to non-relational
- Fault-tolerance properties, handling of concurrency....
- We focused only on model representation
- We will have a deeper look into DocumentDBs in the next session

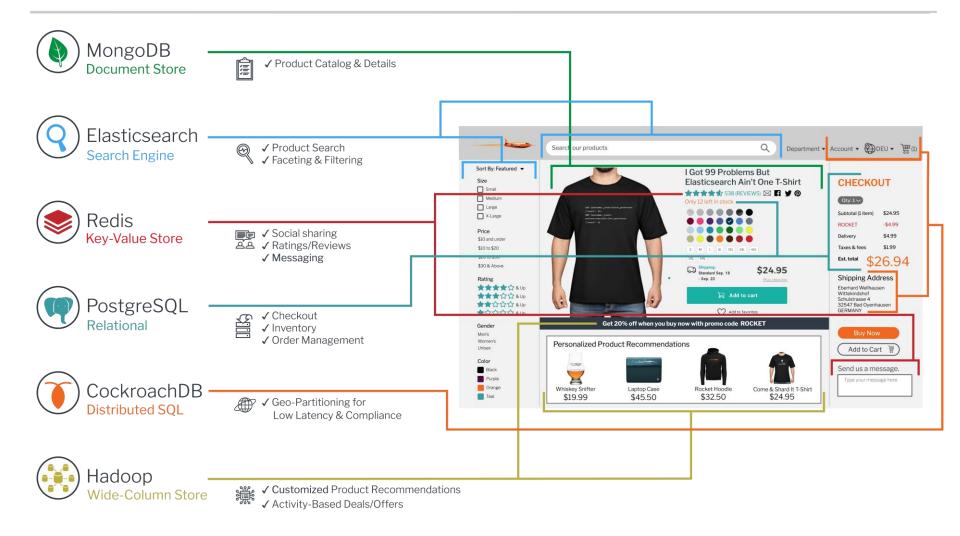
Key take aways for now...

Multiple ways to model and store data
 Different kind of data may be stored in different kind of ways

 There is no "right way". It all boils down to your business, use case, infrastructure, company, money, in-house knowledge,...

 RDBMS used alongside a broad variety of nonrelational datastores – "polyglot persistence"

Polyglot Persistence





NoSQL-DBs - Examples

- BigTable
 - Google's proprietary NoSQL system
 - Column-based or wide column store
- DynamoDB (Amazon)
 - Key-value data store
- Cassandra (Facebook)
 - Uses concepts from both key-value store and column-based systems
- MongoDB and CouchDB
 - Document stores
- Neo4J and GraphBase
 - Graph-based NoSQL systems
- OrientDB
 - Combines several concepts
- Database systems classified on the object model
 - Or native XML model

Datenformate

- Die Datenformate, auf die zugegriffen werden soll, sind äußerst vielfältig
- Beispiele:
 - JSON: Messages, REST, IoT-Events, Measurements, Document Dbs
 - XML: SOAP
 - RDF: RDF etabliert sich zunehmend als neues 'Meta-Format'
 - CSV/Tabellen: jegliche Formen (Excel, CSV, ...)
 - Unstrukturierte Textdokumente: Bilder, PDF, Rohtext, ...
 - Semistrukturierte Textdokumente: Log-Dateien, JSON, XML, HTML, ...
 - Proprietäre Formate: spezialisierte Anwendungen (z.B. SPSS für Statistik)
 - Datenbanken, Datawarehouse-Systeme

... in conclusion

- Polyglot persistence: Multiple data sources and databases
- As Data Scientists we need to able to deal with that heterogeneity.
 We need to merge, join, aggregate data from different source in different formats. (data blending) – one of the biggest challenges today
- We'll discover various approaches and technologies allowing us to deal with that challenge ©

Music Store / Music Label

- 3rd party data from seller
 - JSON via api
- E.g. Apple Music, Spotify, YouTube Music,...
- Providing information: How often streamed? Ratings?
- Integrate Data in our Database

```
"name":"Another One Bites The Dust",
    "artist":"Queen",
    "album":"Greatest Hits",
    "count":55,
    "rating":100,
    "length":217103
}
```

Think for a moment

- Our goal is to combine our different data sources in order to run some evaluations:
 - How much to bill the 3rd party seller?
 - Who the best reviewed artists are?
 - There's data about other tracks and albums. We would like to figure out which artists we should sign in addition to existing ones.

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What options do we have?

Options

- Write Data into a Kafka Stream
- Build an ETL Pipeline (e.g. with Talend)
- Write custom software and join + process data in memory and generate report. (e.g.: python + pandas,..)
- Transform JSON and store as table and process in SQL
- Export necessary data from SQL-DB and combine in a new db with JSON
- ...

 Many options available and we want to explore various options with you ©

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Ingest JSON in PostgreSQL

- Various options available. Again, right choice does depend on your use case, company, infrastructure,...
- We want to like to proceed with the most practical solution and leverage existing functionality (= most often the best way to go)
- NOT limited to Postgres, option available in nearly every other RDBMS. In fact RDBMS are becoming more competitive towards DocumentDBs!

JSON in PostgreSQL

- JSONB type stores parsed JSON densely
 - saving space
 - making indexing more effective
 - efficient make query / retrieval
 (The "B" stands for "better", historical alternatives JSON or HSTORE)
- It is largely what you'd expect from a JSON datatype
- Powerful operations

JSON Operators

Operator	Right Operand Type	Description	Example
->	int	Get JSON array element	'[1,2,3]'::json->2
->	text	Get JSON object field	'{"a":1,"b":2}'::json->'b'
->>	int	Get JSON array element as text	'[1,2,3]'::json->>2
->>	text	Get JSON object field as text	'{"a":1,"b":2}'::json->>'b'
#>	array of text	Get JSON object at specified path	'{"a":[1,2,3],"b":[4,5,6]}'::json#>'{a,2}'
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https://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.3/functions-json.html

Additional operators

Operator	Right Type	Description	Example
@>	jsonb	Does the left JSON value contain within it the right value?	'{"a":1, "b":2}'::jsonb @> '{"b":2}'::jsonb
<@	jsonb	Is the left JSON value contained within the right value?	'{"b":2}'::jsonb <@ '{"a":1, "b":2}'::jsonb
?	text	Does the key/element string exist within the JSON value?	'{"a":1, "b":2}'::jsonb ? 'b'
?	text[]	Do any of these key/element strings exist?	'{"a":1, "b":2, "c":3}'::jsonb ? array['b', 'c']
?&	text[]	Do all of these key/element strings exist?	'["a", "b"]'::jsonb ?& array['a', 'b']

Demo

- See JSON-Demo.sql
- jtracks.json

```
-- simple JSON without embedded newlines in the JSON values, this is good enough.
-- JSON import with copy, is often easier with Python, but for
 -- http://adpgtech.blogspot.com/2014/09/importing-json-data.html
   Copy jtracks(body) FROM 'Library.json' WITH CSV QUOTE E '\x01' DELIMITER E '\x02';
 -- DROP TABLE IF EXISTS itrack CASCADE;
  CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS itracks(id SERIAL, body JSONB);
     SELECT * FROM jtracks LIMIT 5;
      SELECT pg_typeof(body)
       FROM jtracks LIMIT 1;
        SELECT body->>'name'
          -- Could we use parenthesis and cast to convert to text?
        FROM jtracks LIMIT 5;
          SELECT pg_typeof(body->'name')
```

Fetch data from a RestAPI

- json: https://docs.python.org/3/library/json.html
- requests: https://docs.python-requests.org/en/latest/
- psycopg: https://www.psycopg.org/