Hello Larissa,

Highly informative post on foreign keys. I really like your examples and the provided links. I agree with your thoughts on cockroachlabs.com source being a fantastic wealth of knowledge on primary and foreign keys. Kent Waldrop’s theory is my presumed pitfall while I am starting out learning RDBMS like MySQL. I have mentioned in another reply my concern on the need to fully preplan every required datapoint and how I plan to organize them across multiple databases and exactly how I plan to relate them all back together. It is reassuring to hear that even though foreign keys are the pain points for performance concerns, they are necessary and should not be avoided.

Happy 4th of July weekend!

Thank you,

James.