

# Creating a database

CREATING POSTGRESQL DATABASES



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# Course topics

- Commands for building databases
- PostgreSQL data types
- Database normalization
- Database access management

# The PostgreSQL Database Management System

- object-relational database management system
- system components are objects
- database is top-level object

# The CREATE DATABASE command

```
CREATE DATABASE db_name;
```

```
CREATE DATABASE my_db;
```

```
CREATE DATABASE _my_db;
```

```
CREATE DATABASE 321_db; -- Invalid
```

# Scenarios for new database creation

```
CREATE DATABASE ncaa_bb;
```

```
CREATE DATABASE auto_depot;
```

```
CREATE DATABASE pod;
```

# Let's practice!

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# Creating tables

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# The database table

- Variable number of rows
- Fixed number of columns (structure can be altered)
- Columns have specific data type
- Each row is a record



# The CREATE TABLE command

```
CREATE TABLE table_name (  
    column1_name column1_datatype [col1_constraints],  
    column2_name column2_datatype [col2_constraints],  
    ...  
    columnN_name columnN_datatype [colN_constraints]  
);
```

## Name Restrictions

- maximum length of 31 characters
- must begin with letter or underscore ("\_")

# Example table 1

```
CREATE TABLE school (  
    id serial PRIMARY KEY,  
    name TEXT NOT NULL,  
    mascot_name TEXT  
);
```

# Example table 2

```
CREATE TABLE topic (  
    id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,  
    description TEXT NOT NULL  
);
```

# Table organization

- Which fields should I use?
- How many tables should I add?
- Which data types are best to use for the fields of my table?

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# Creating schemas

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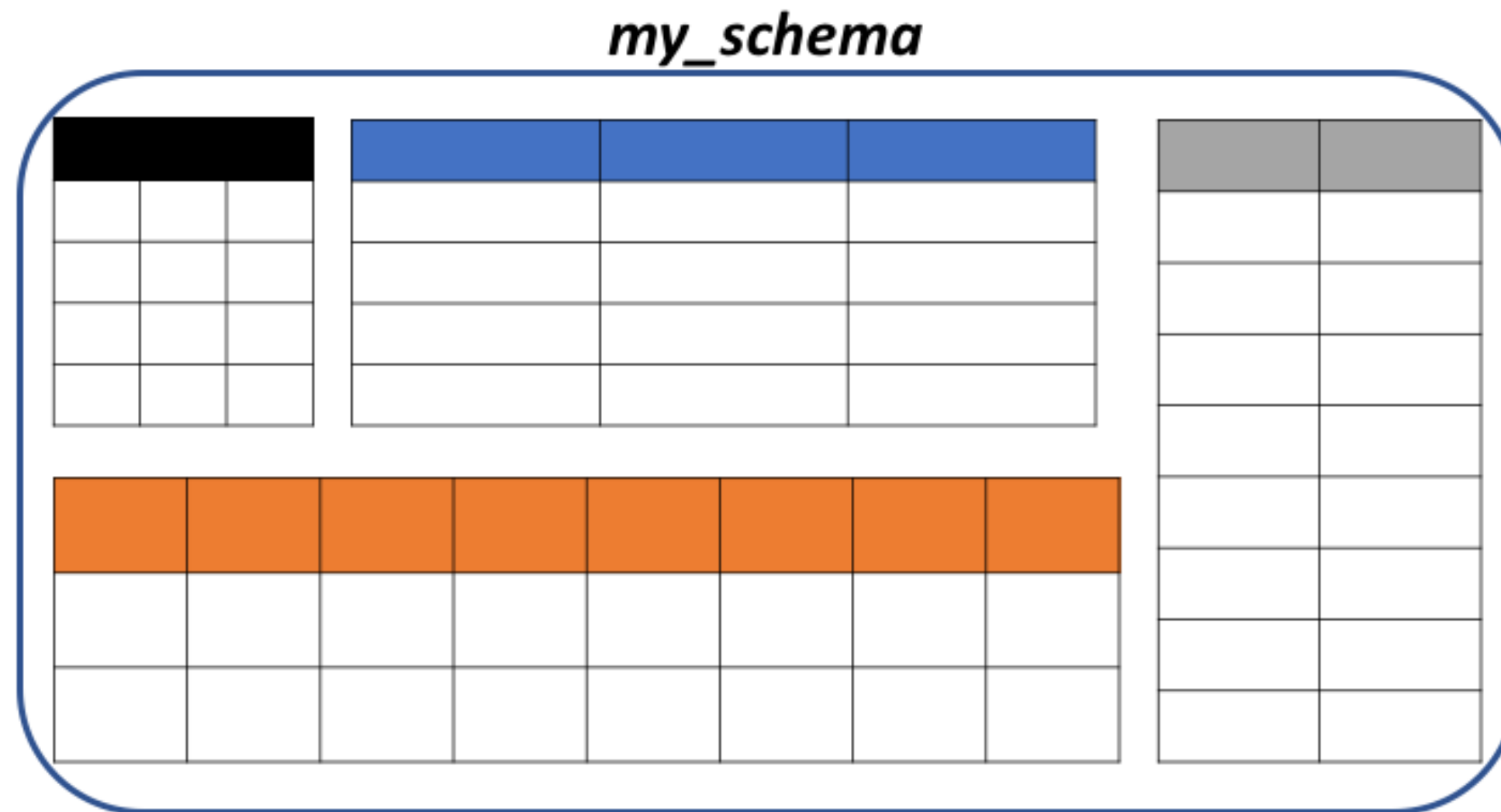


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# PostgreSQL schemas

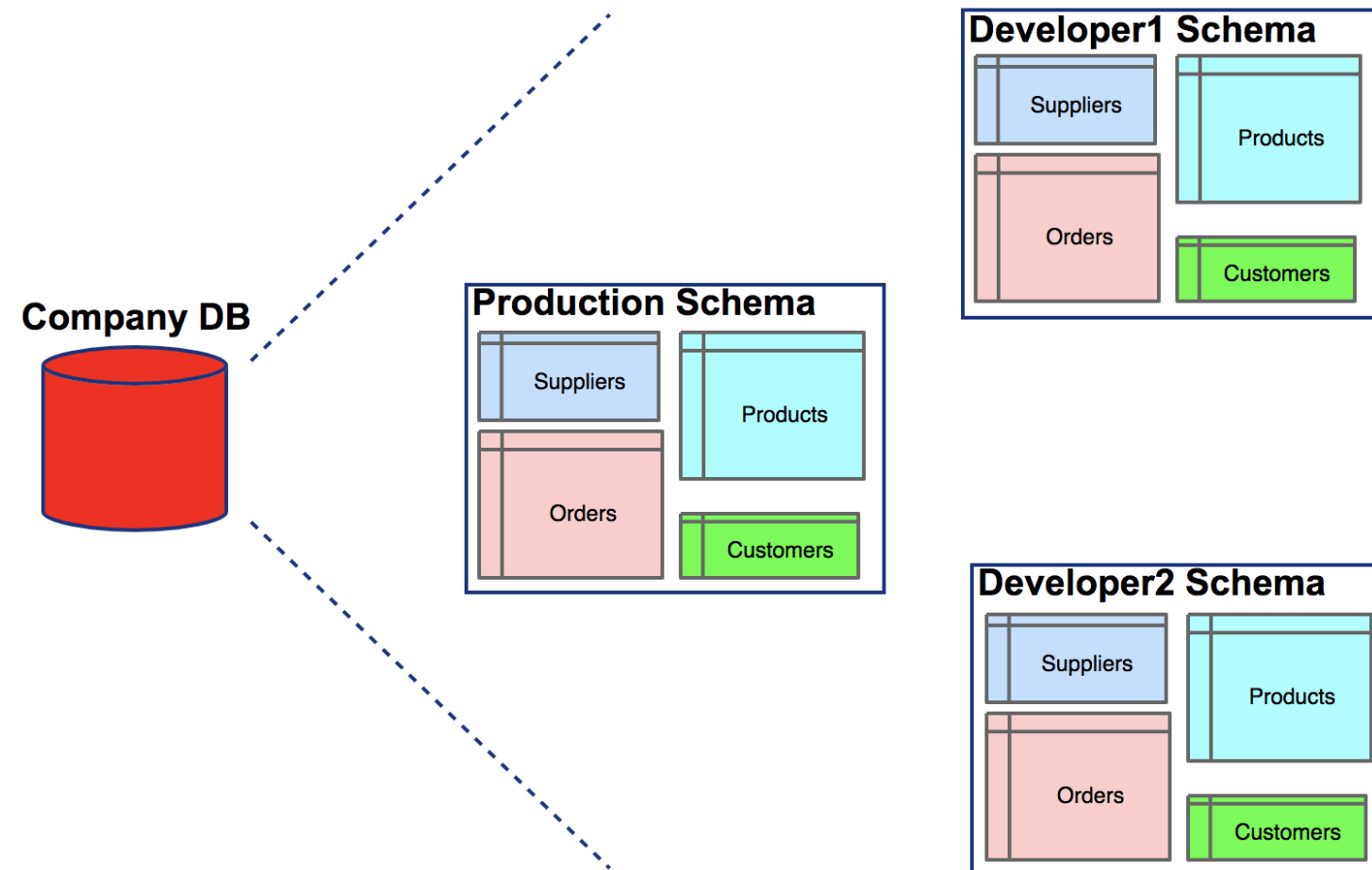
- A named container for tables



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.1/ddl-schemas.html>

# Schema uses

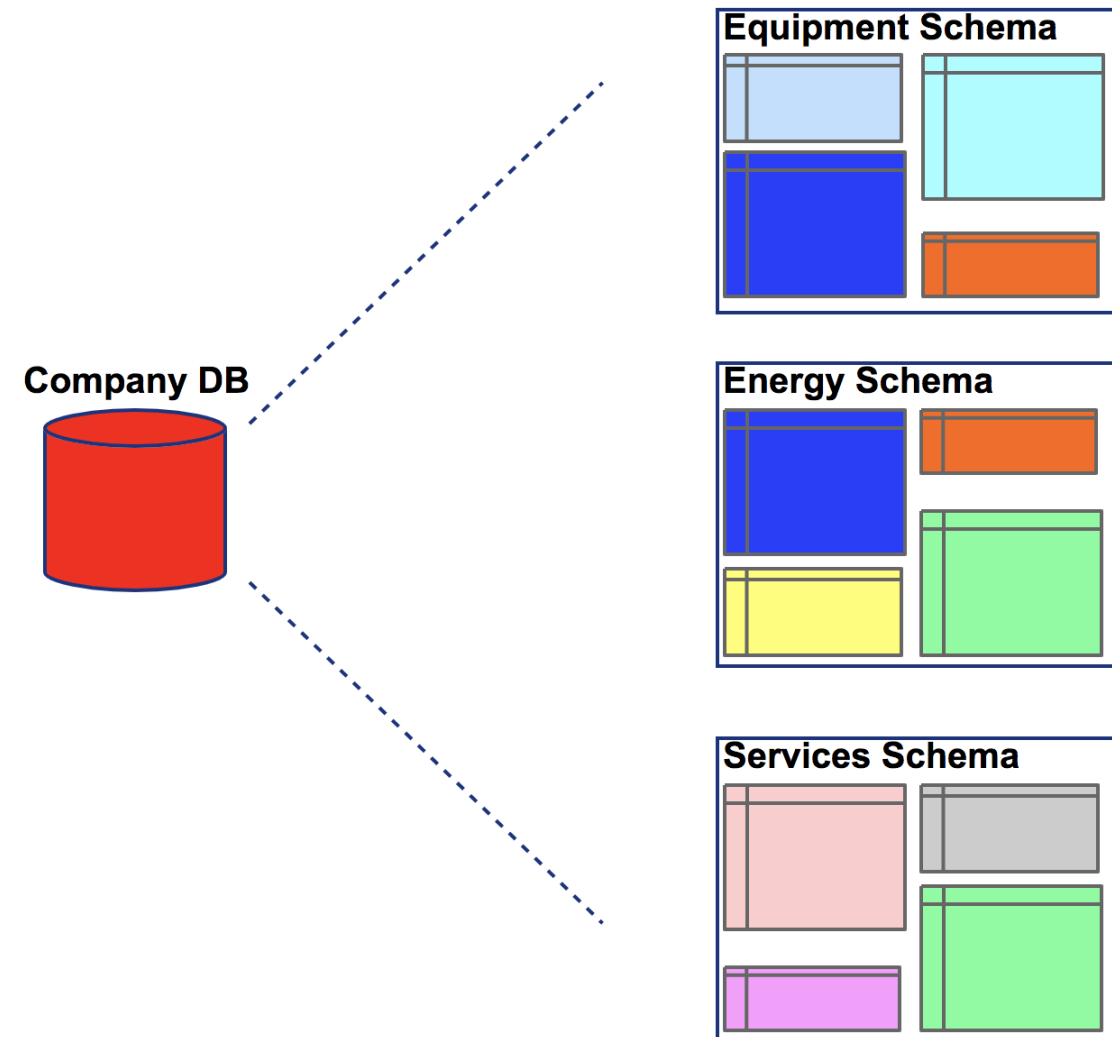
Providing database users with separate environments





# Schemas uses

Organizing database objects into related groups



# The default schema

- The `public` schema is the default schema in PostgreSQL

```
CREATE TABLE topic (  
    id serial PRIMARY KEY,  
    description TEXT NOT NULL  
);
```

`public.topic`

# The CREATE SCHEMA command

```
CREATE SCHEMA schema_name;
```

```
CREATE SCHEMA division1;
```

```
CREATE TABLE division1.school (  
    id serial PRIMARY KEY,  
    name TEXT NOT NULL,  
    mascot_name TEXT,  
    num_scholarships INTEGER DEFAULT 0  
);
```

# Schema naming restrictions

- Length of name less than 32
- Name begins with letter or underscore ("\_")
- Schema name cannot begin with "pg\_"

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