Physical Data Models

Physical Data Modeling

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Learning Objectives

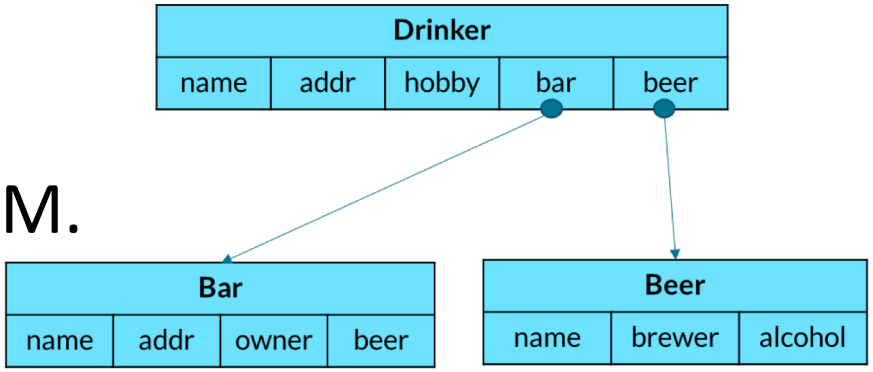
By the end of this video, you will be able to:

- Identify major physical data models.
- Explain the evolution of physical data models.

Physical Data Models

- Pre-relational
  - (1960s) Hierarchical Model.
  - (1960s) Network Model.
- **(1970s) Relational Model -- which is our focus!**
- Post-relational
  - (1980s) Object-Oriented.
  - (1980s) Object-Relational Model.
  - (1990s) Document Model.
  - (1990s) Key-Value Model.
  - (2000s) Graph Model.

Hierarchical Model



Example hierarchical model

- First database model. Created in 1960s at IBM.
- Records connected in hierarchies.
- Data accessed by traversing the hierarchies.

IMS DB and TM Twitter account. Retrieved from https://twitter.com/IMS_at_50

- Example: **IBM IMS**, 1968 ~ Present!
- IBM Information Management System. Still active used!
- *"IMS is used by many of the top Fortune 1000 companies worldwide. Collectively these companies process more than **50 billion transactions per day** in IMS."* IBM Information Management System (IMS), 2017.
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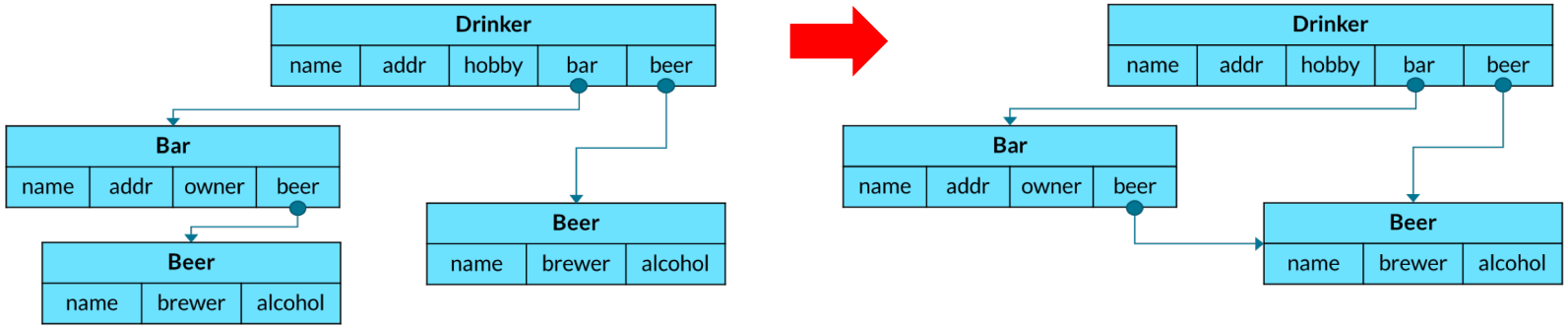
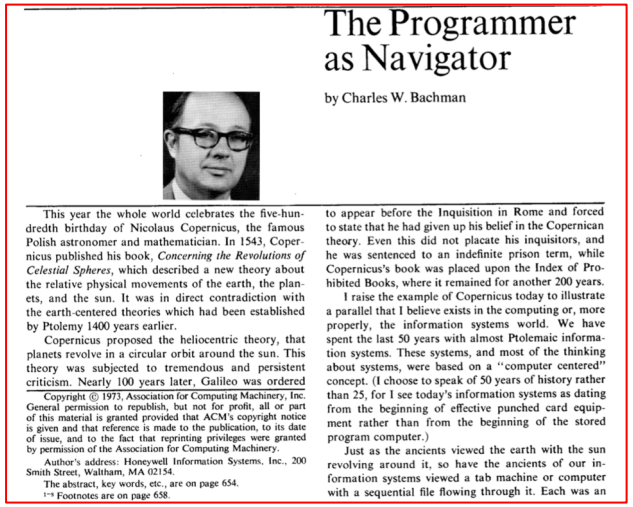
Network Model

- Inspired by hierarchical model, addressing many restrictions.
- Extending tree-like hierarchies to more general networks.
- Data accessed by navigation the networks, from any node.
- Invented by Charles Backman, winning 1973 Turing Award.
- Standardized by CODASYL (Conference on Data Systems Languages Consortium) 1969.



From hierarchical model to network model



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by Charles W. Bachman

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The programmer as navigator (Bachman, 1973)

Relational Model

- By Edgar Codd at IBM Labs, 1969, winning 1981 Turing Award.
- Motivation: Network model encodes access paths- fragile, inefficient.
- Records stored in relations, without fixed inter-connections.
- Data accessed by computing over relations.
- Most popular: E.g., MySQL, PostgreSQL.

Drinkers				
name	addr	hobby	bar	beer

Bars			
name	addr	owner	beer

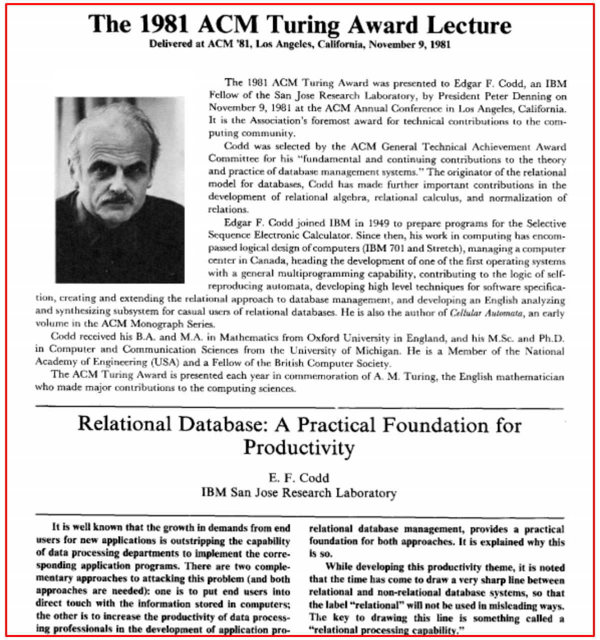
Beers		
name	brewer	alcohol

Frequents	
drinker	bar

Example relational model

- σ (Drinkers)
- Driners $\bowtie$ Bars

Example computation on relations



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Post-Relational Models: Two Driving Forces

- **Meeting programming paradigms**
  - Driven by the ”impedance mismatch” with object-oriented programming.
  - (1980s) Object-Oriented.
  - (1980s) Object-Relational Model.

- **Dealing with data in various new settings**
  - Driven by applications beyond enterprise data management.
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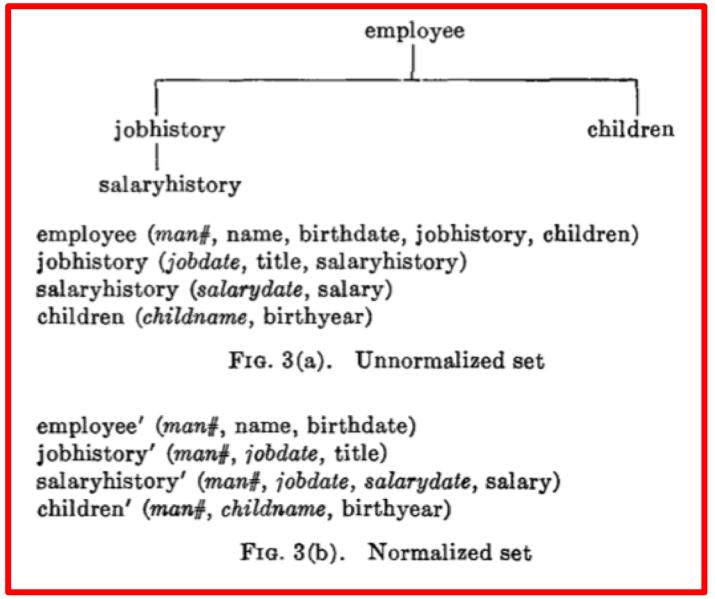
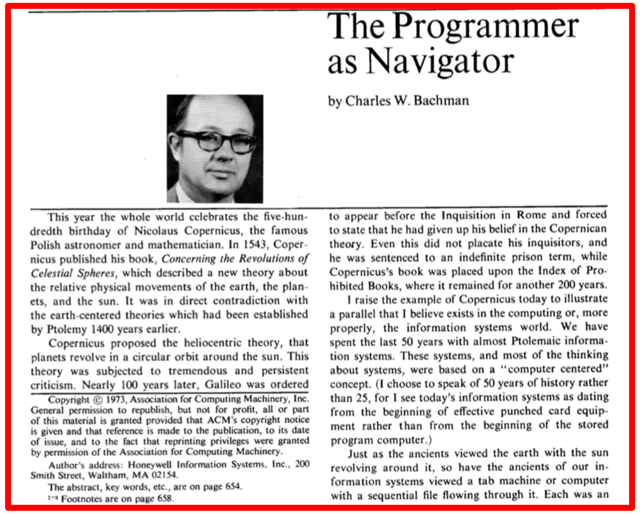


Example enterprise data management scenario from Codd’s 1970 relational model paper (Codd 1972)

Food for Thought

*While Bachman touted the triumph of programmers for their **ability and freedom to navigate**, Codd was concerned of the **burden and fragility of the same.***

What do you think?



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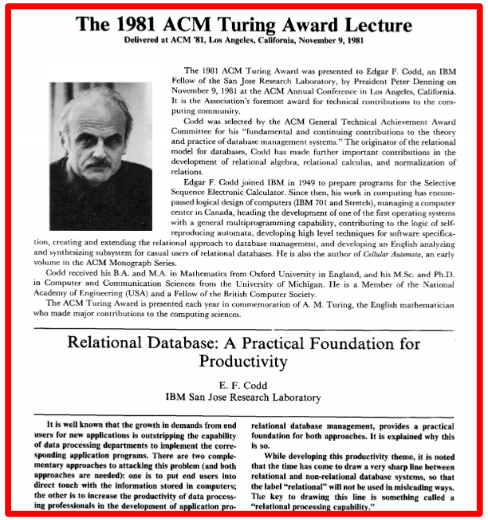

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