Relational Databases and SQLite

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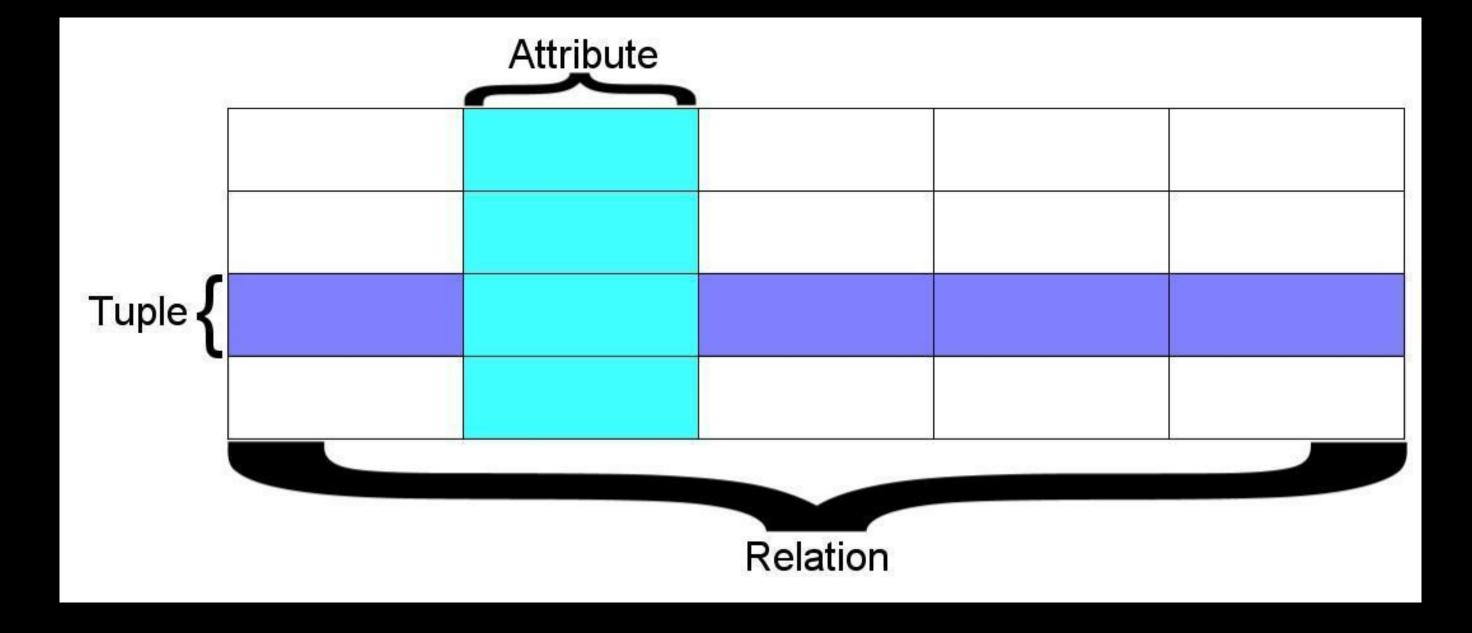
Relational Databases

Relational databases model data by storing rows and columns in tables. The power of the relational database lies in its ability to efficiently retrieve data from those tables and in particular where there are multiple tables and the relationships between those tables involved in the query.

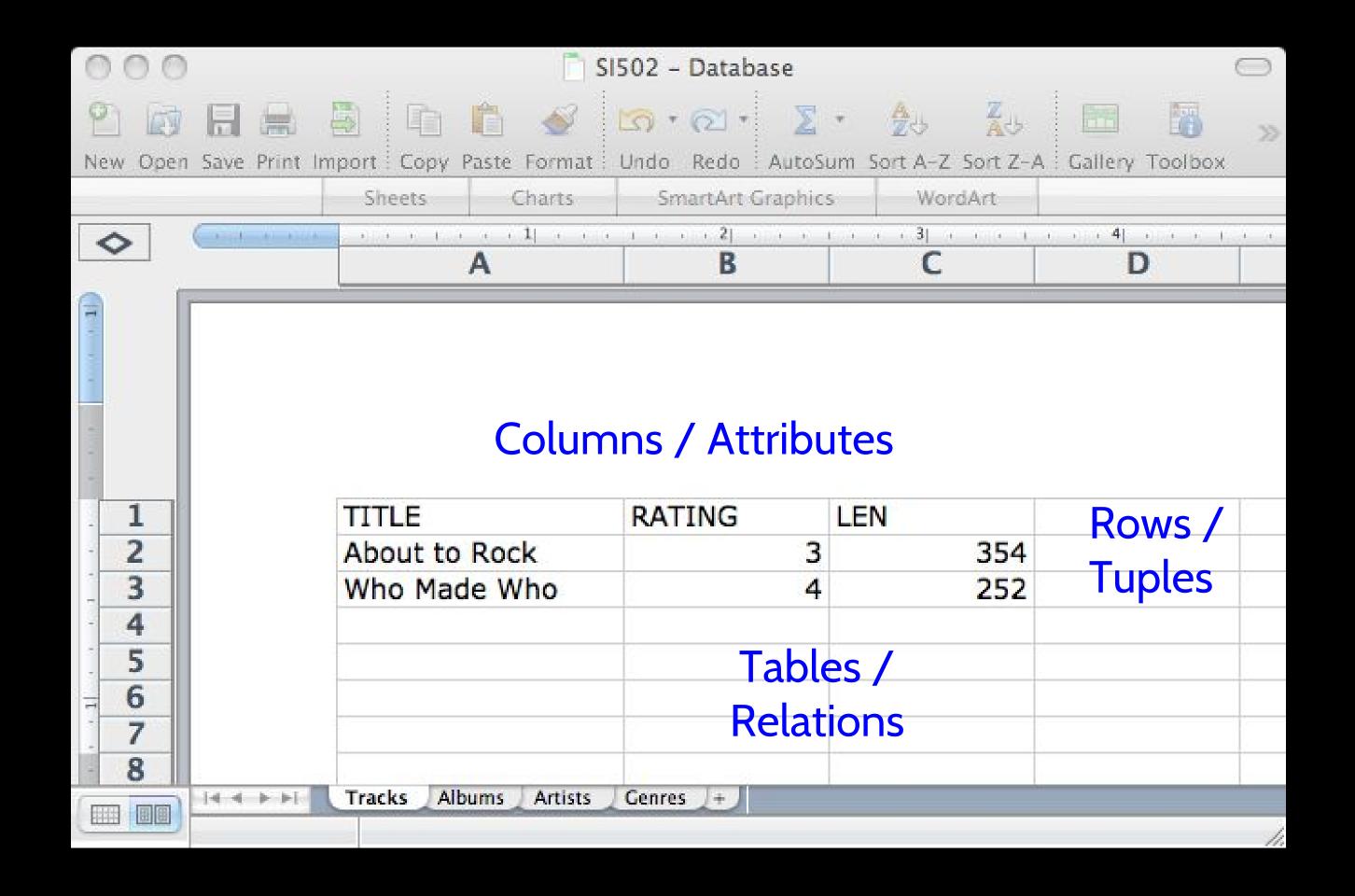
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Terminology

- Database contains many tables
- Relation (or table) contains tuples and attributes
- Tuple (or row) a set of fields that generally represents an "object" like a person or a music track
- Attribute (also column or field) one of possibly many elements of data corresponding to the object represented by the row



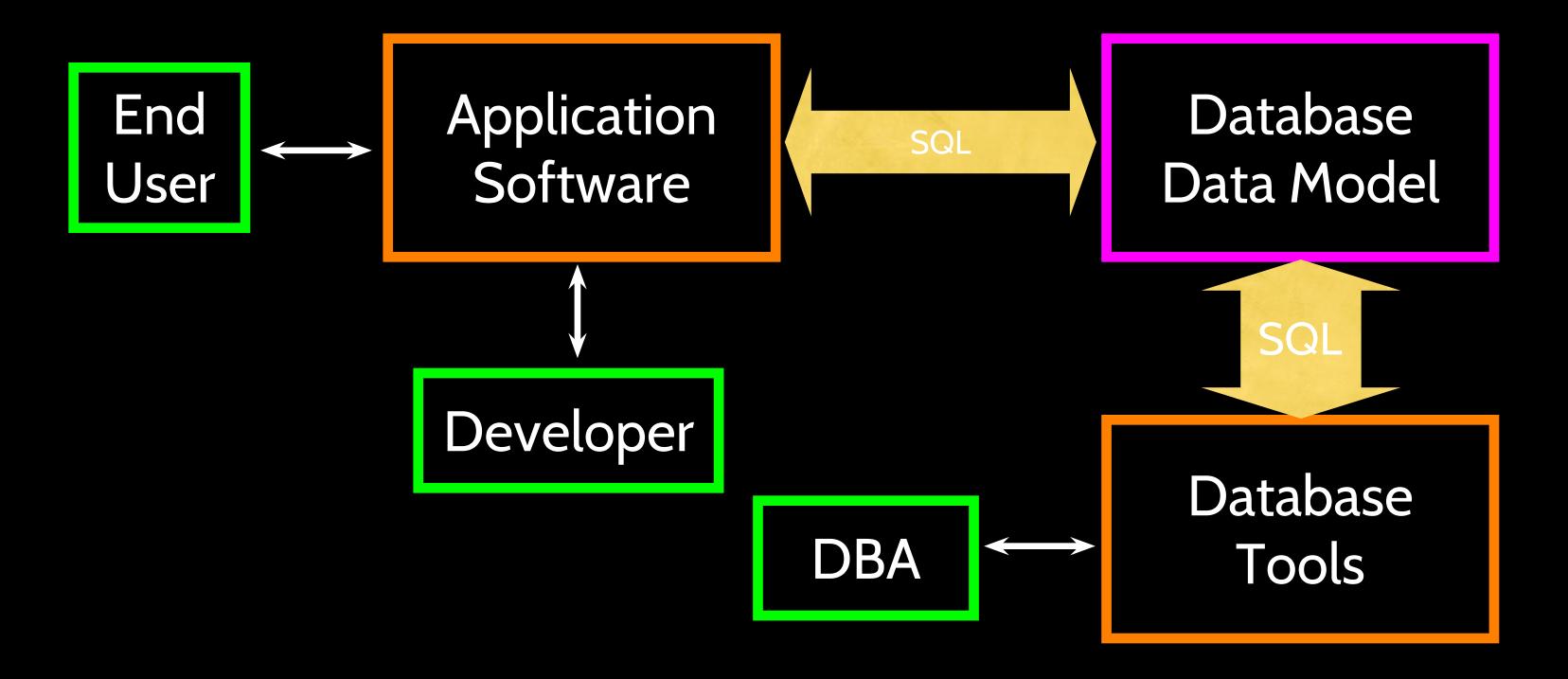
A relation is defined as a set of tuples that have the same attributes. A tuple usually represents an object and information about that object. Objects are typically physical objects or concepts. A relation is usually described as a table, which is organized into rows and columns. All the data_referenced by an attribute are in the same domain and conform to the same constraints. (Wikipedia)



Two Roles in Large Projects

- Application Developer Builds the logic for the application, the look and feel of the application - monitors the application for problems
- Database Administrator Monitors and adjusts the database as the program runs in production
- Often both people participate in the building of the "Data model"

Application Structure



Database Administrator (dba)

A database administrator (DBA) is a person responsible for the design, implementation, maintenance, and repair of an organization's database. The role includes the development and design of database strategies, monitoring and improving database performance and capacity, and planning for future expansion requirements. They may also plan, coordinate, and implement security measures to safeguard the database.

Database Model

A database model or database schema is the structure or format of a database, described in a formal language supported by the database management system, In other words, a "database model" is the application of a data model when used in conjunction with a database management system.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Database_model

SQL

- Structured Query Language is the language we use to issue commands to the database
 - Create a table
 - Retrieve some data
 - Insert data
 - Delete data

Common Database Systems

- Three Major Database Management Systems in wide use
 - Oracle Large, commercial, enterprise-scale, very very tweakable
 - MySql Simpler but very fast and scalable commercial open source
 - SqlServer Very nice from Microsoft (also Access)
- Many other smaller projects, free and open source
 - HSQL, SQLite, Postgress, ...

SQLite Database Manager

- SQLite is a very popular database it is free and fast and small
- We have a Firefox plugin to manipulate SQLite databases
 - https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/sqlite-manager/
- SQLite is embedded in Python and a number of other languages

SQLite is in lots of software...

















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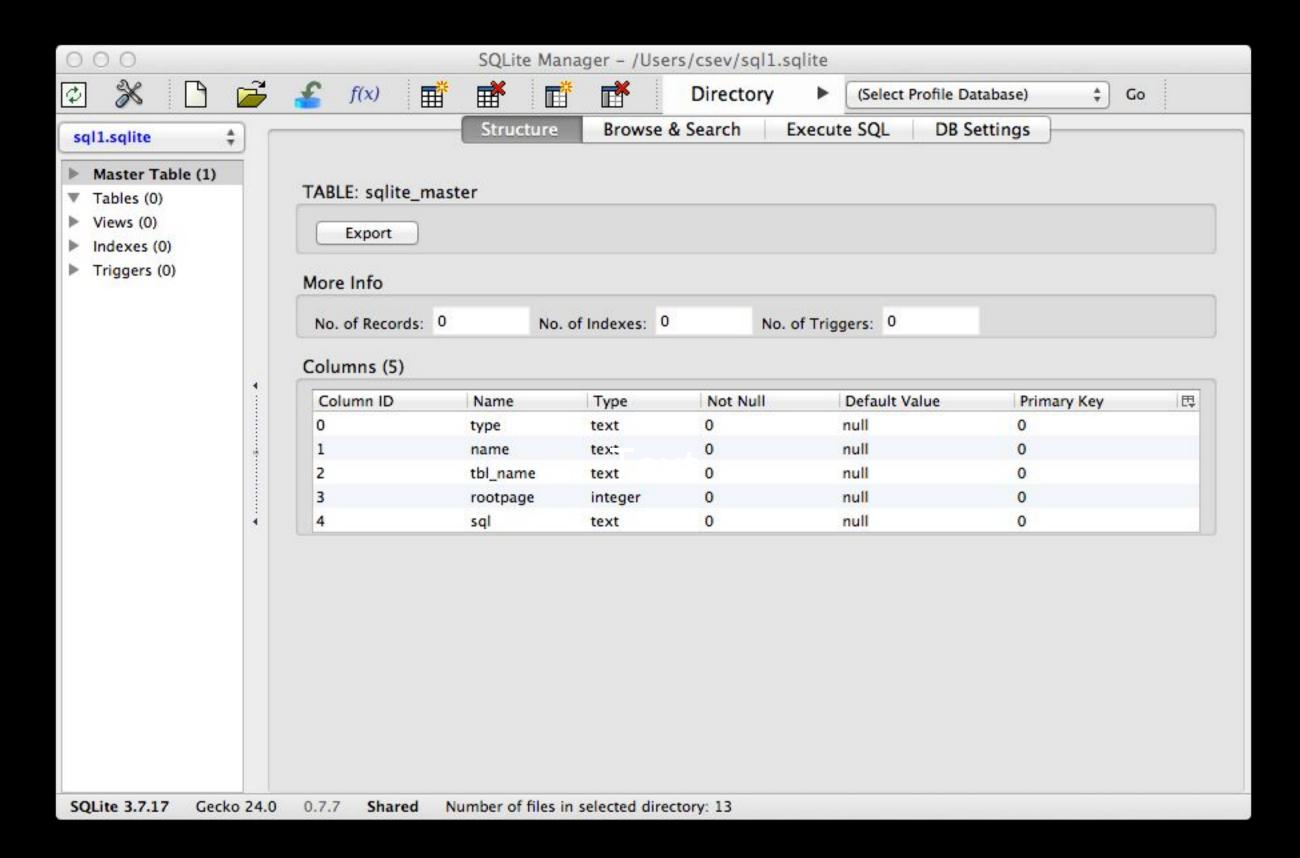






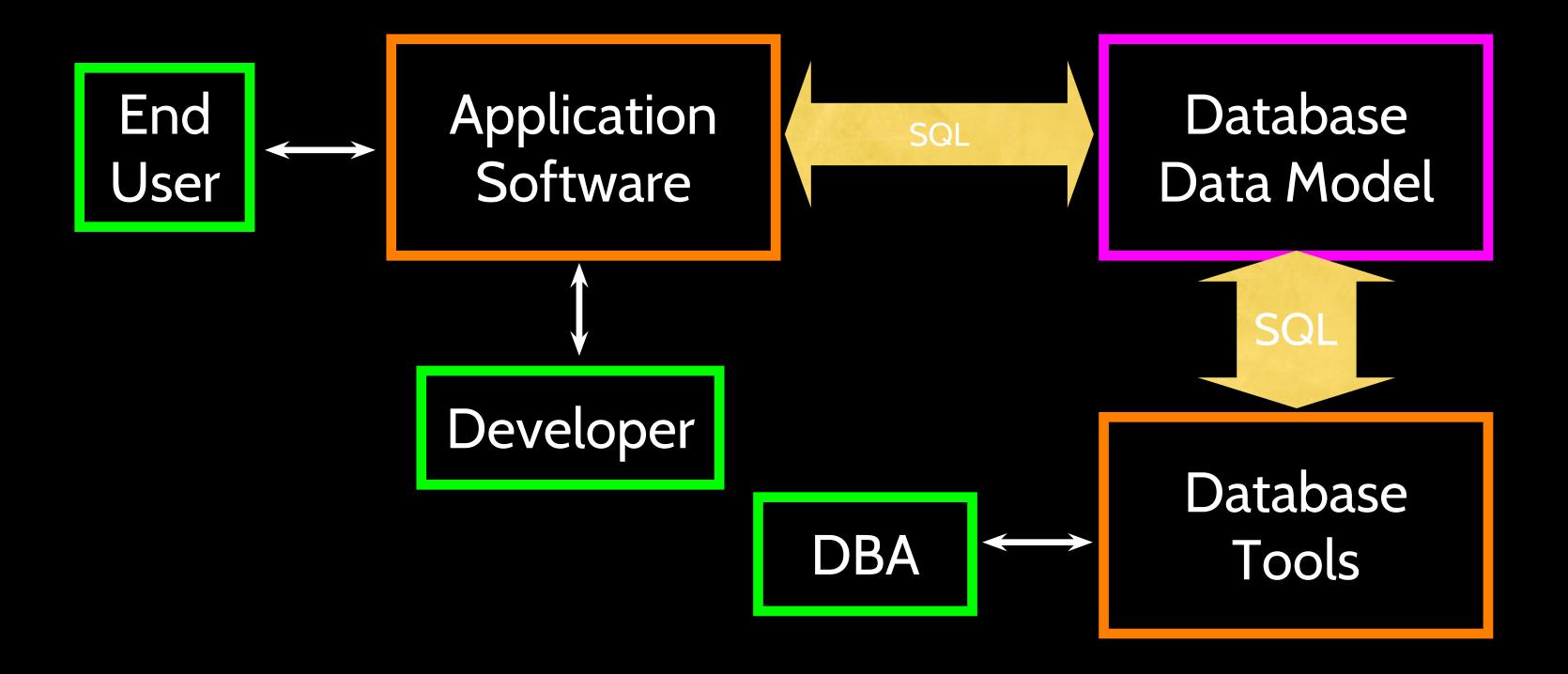


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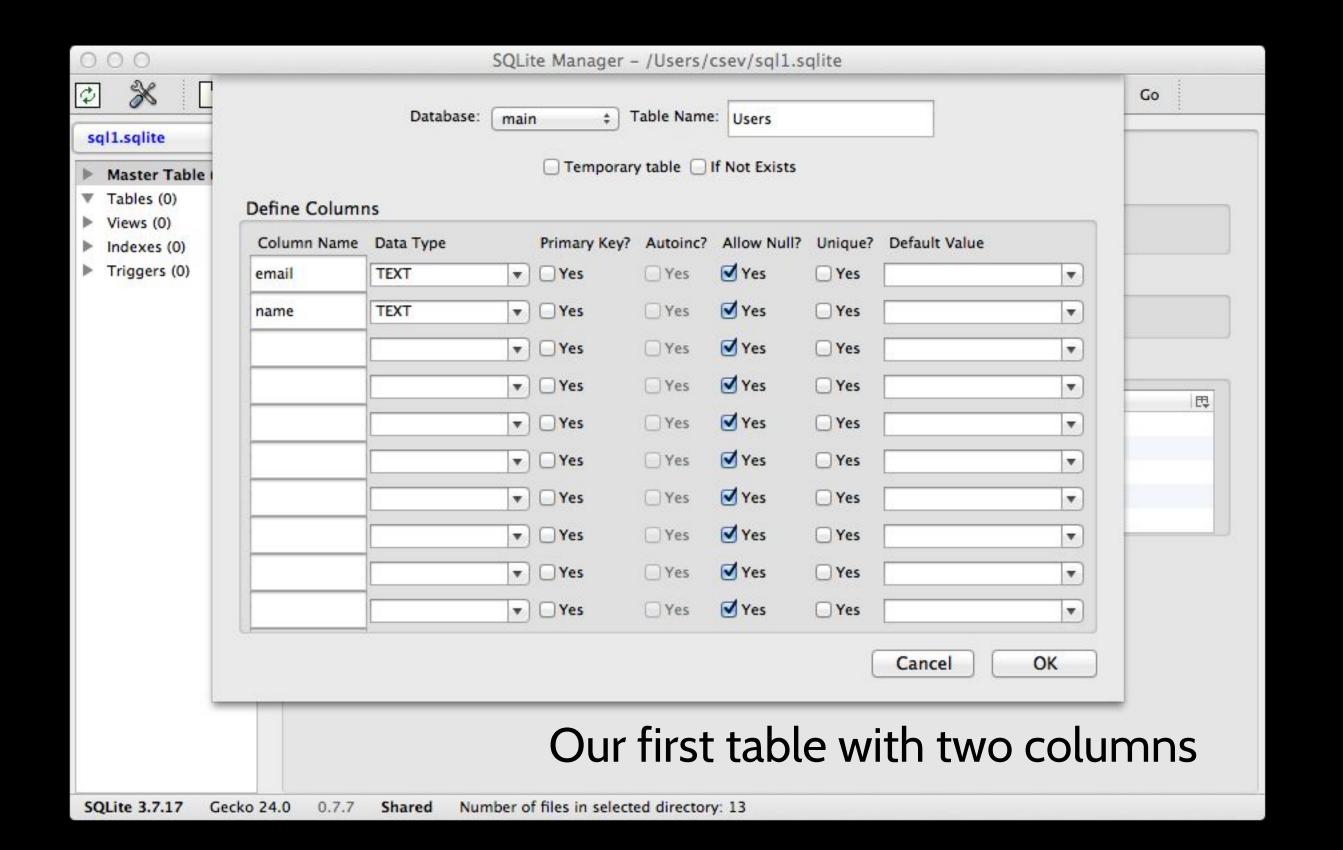
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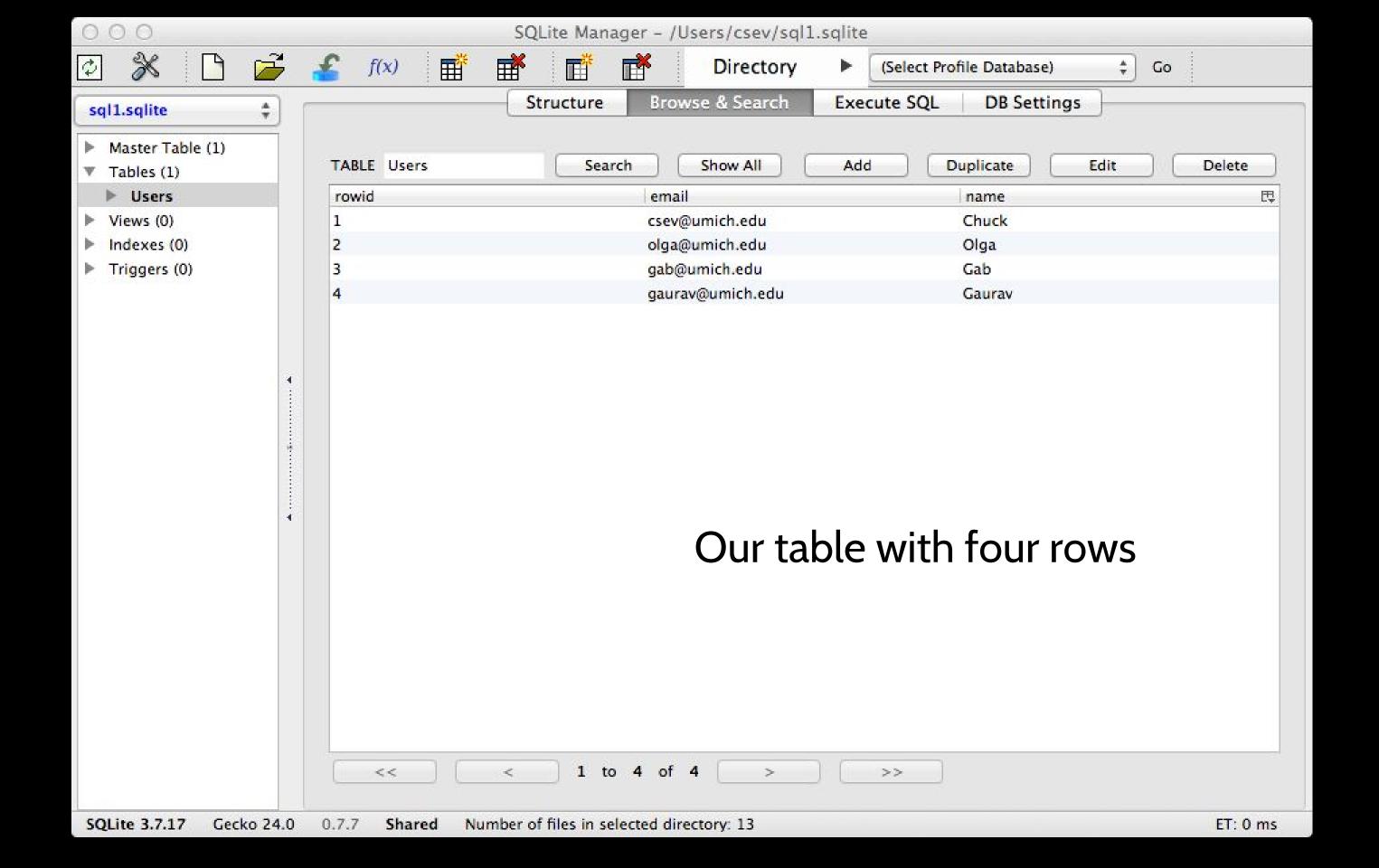
Application Structure



Start Simple - A Single Table

• Lets make a table of People - with a Name and an Email using the "wizard" user interface...





SQL

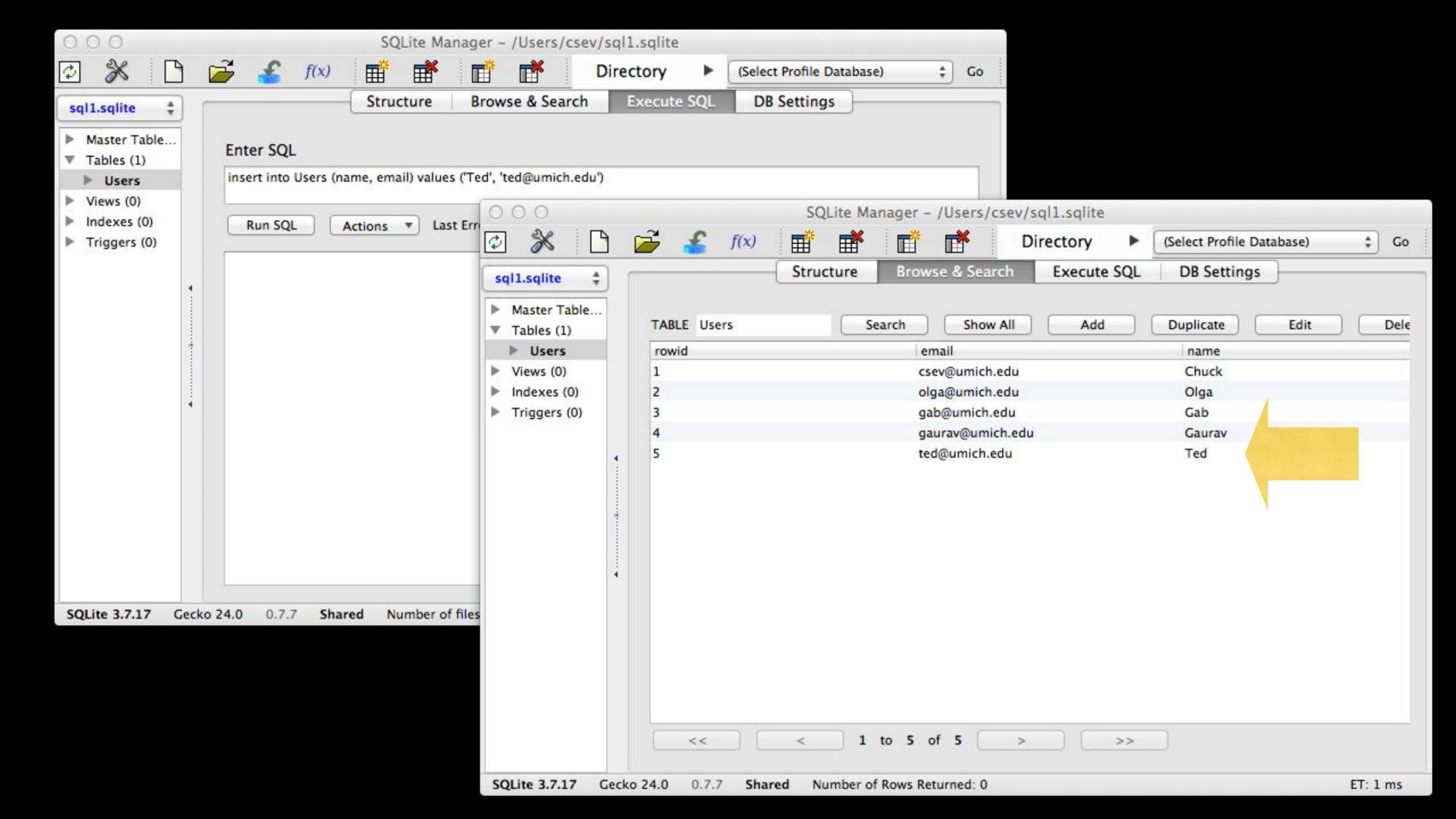
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SQL Insert

• The Insert statement inserts a row into a table

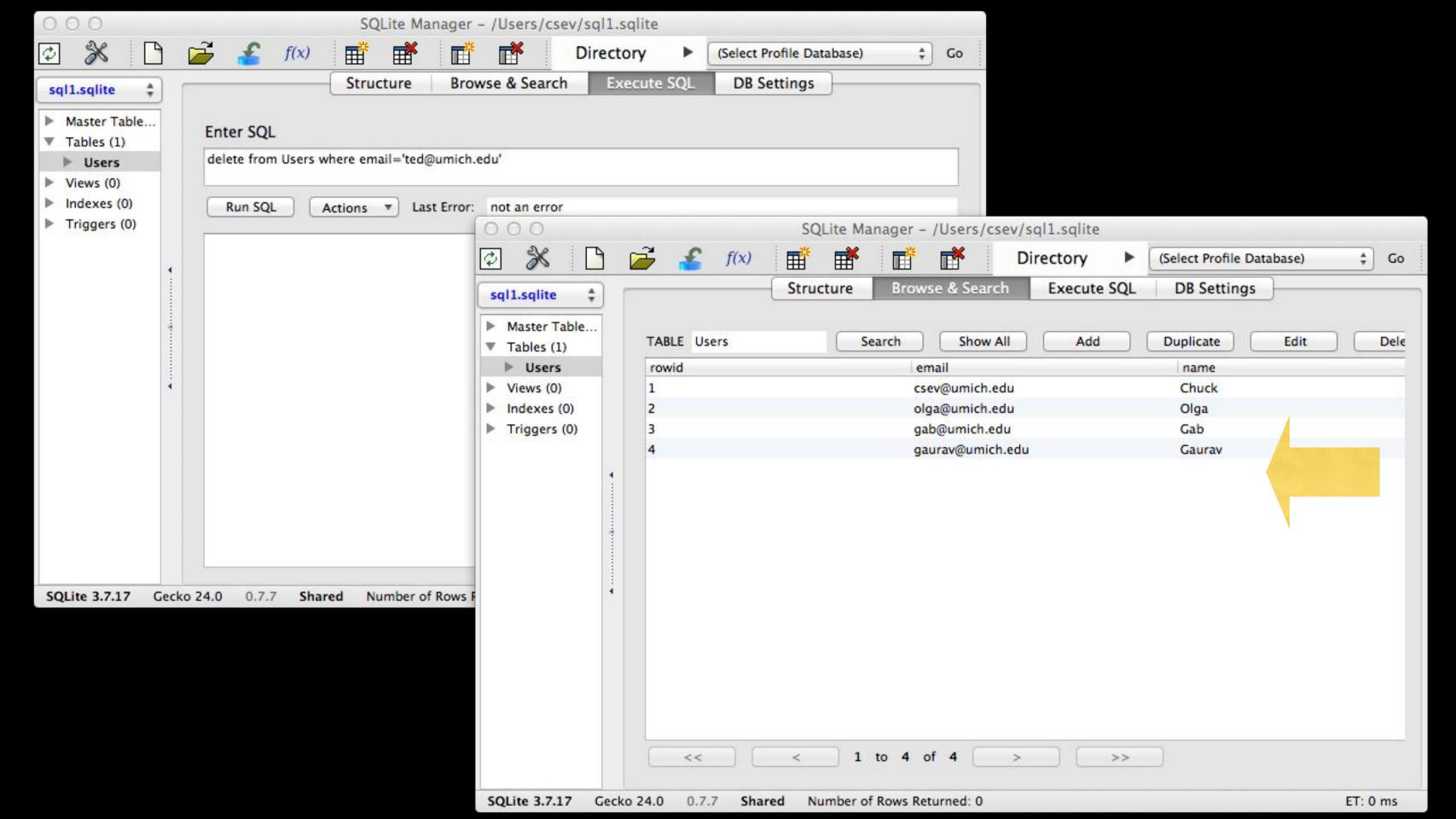
INSERT INTO Users (name, email) VALUES ('Ted', 'ted@umich.edu')



SQL Delete

Deletes a row in a table based on a selection criteria

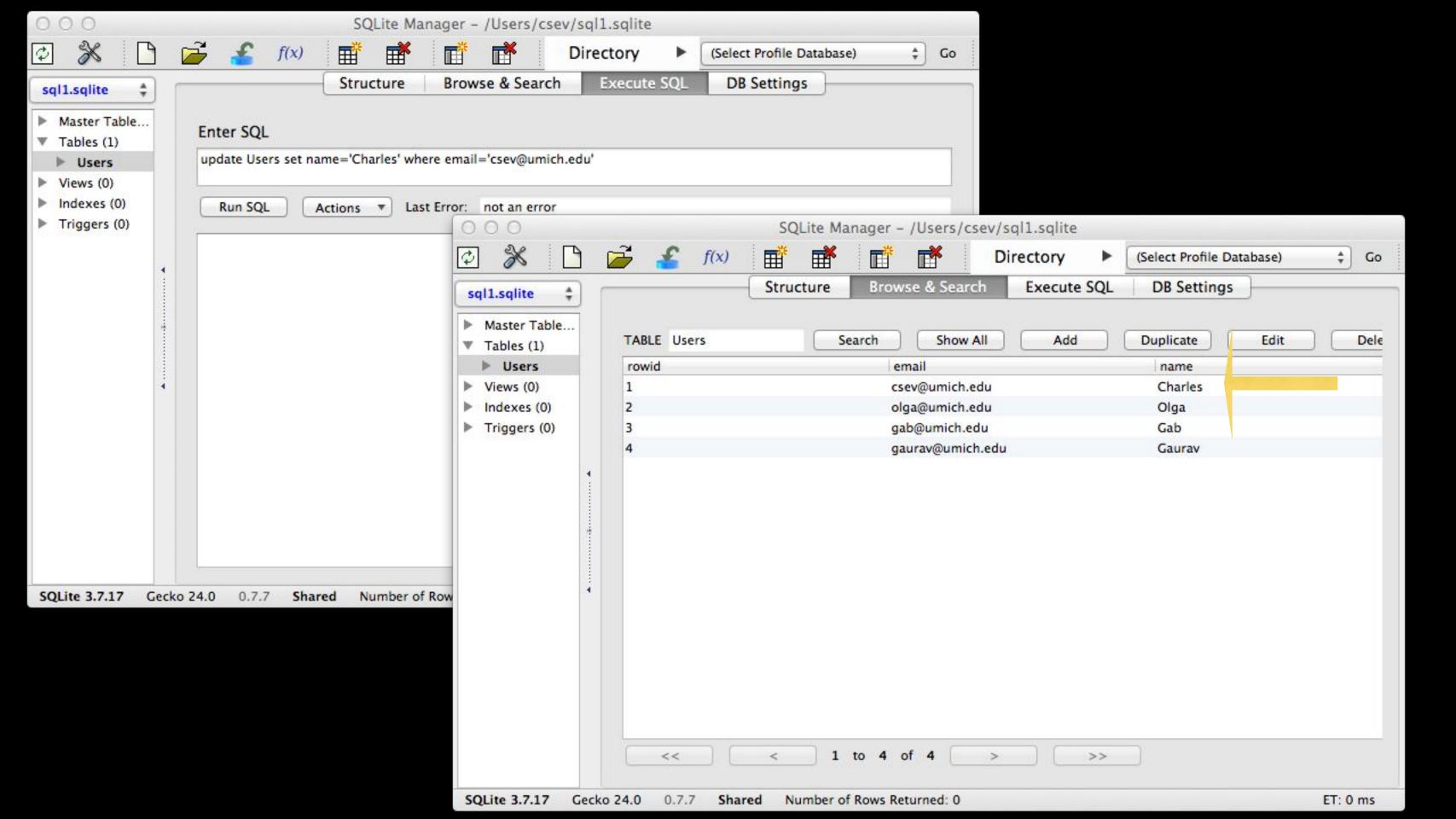
DELETE FROM Users WHERE email='ted@umich.edu'



SQL: Update

Allows the updating of a field with a where clause

UPDATE Users SET name='Charles' WHERE email='csev@umich.edu'

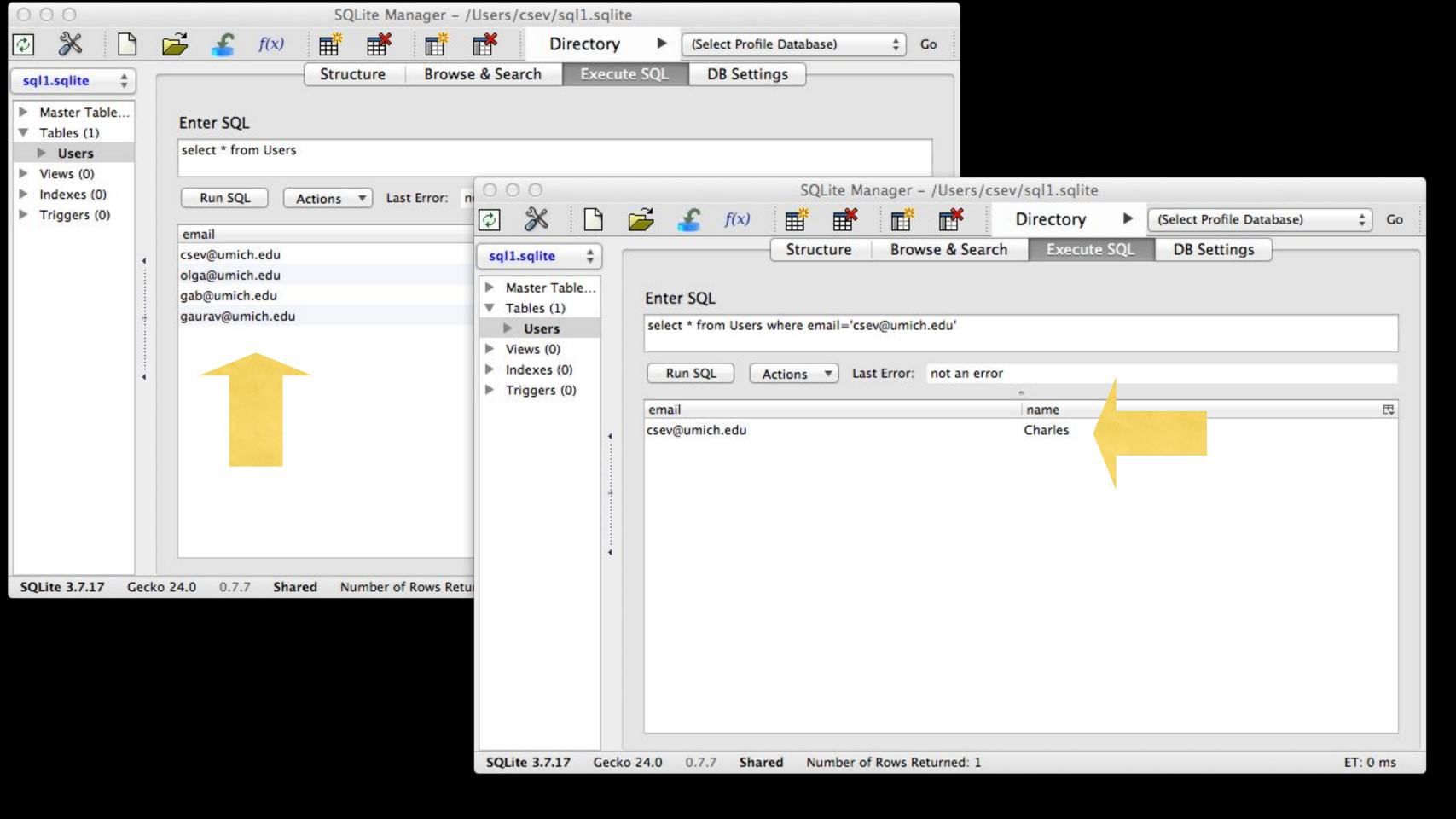


Retrieving Records: Select

 The select statement retrieves a group of records - you can either retrieve all the records or a subset of the records with a WHERE clause

SELECT * FROM Users

SELECT * FROM Users WHERE email='csev@umich.edu'

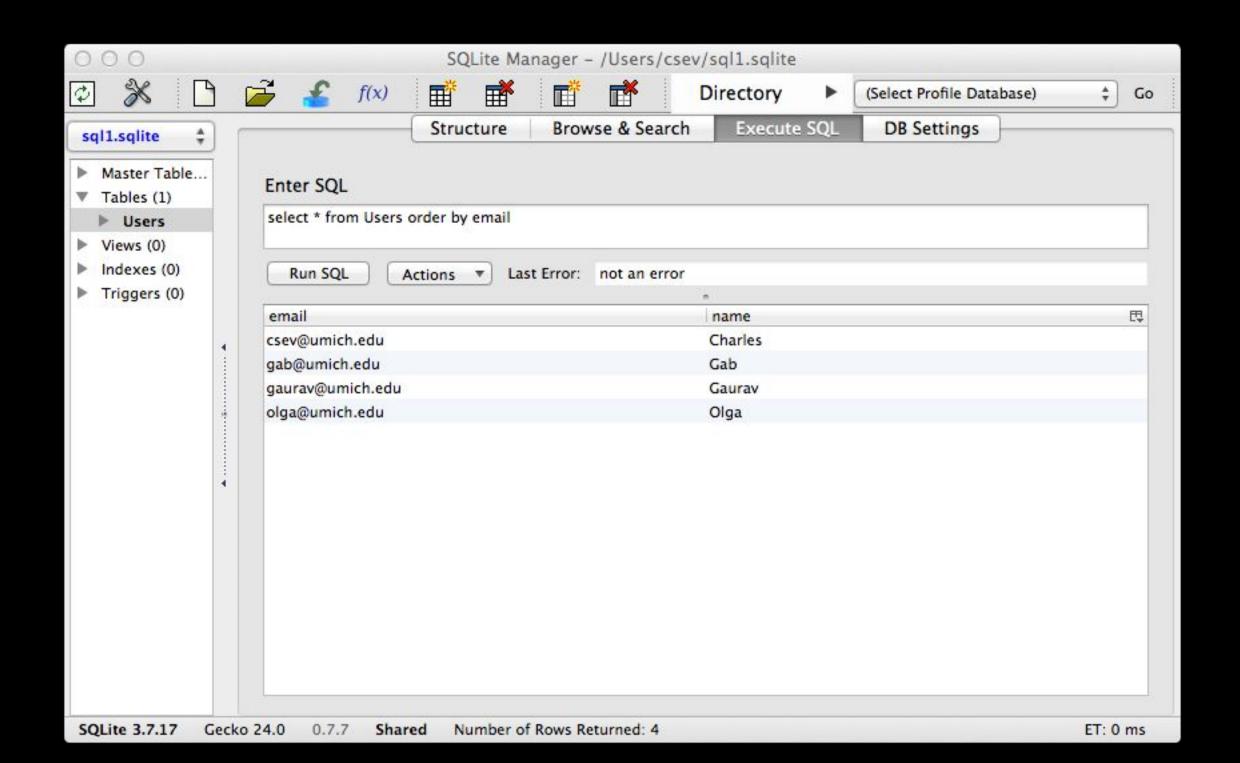


Sorting with ORDER BY

 You can add an ORDER BY clause to SELECT statements to get the results sorted in ascending or descending order

SELECT * FROM Users ORDER BY email

SELECT * FROM Users ORDER BY name



SQL Summary

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insert into Users (name, email) values ('Ted', 'ted@umich.edu')
        delete from Users where email='ted@umich.edu'
 update Users set name="Charles" where email='csev@umich.edu'
                     select * from Users
      select * from Users where email='csev@umich.edu'
             select * from Users order by email
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This is not too exciting (so far)

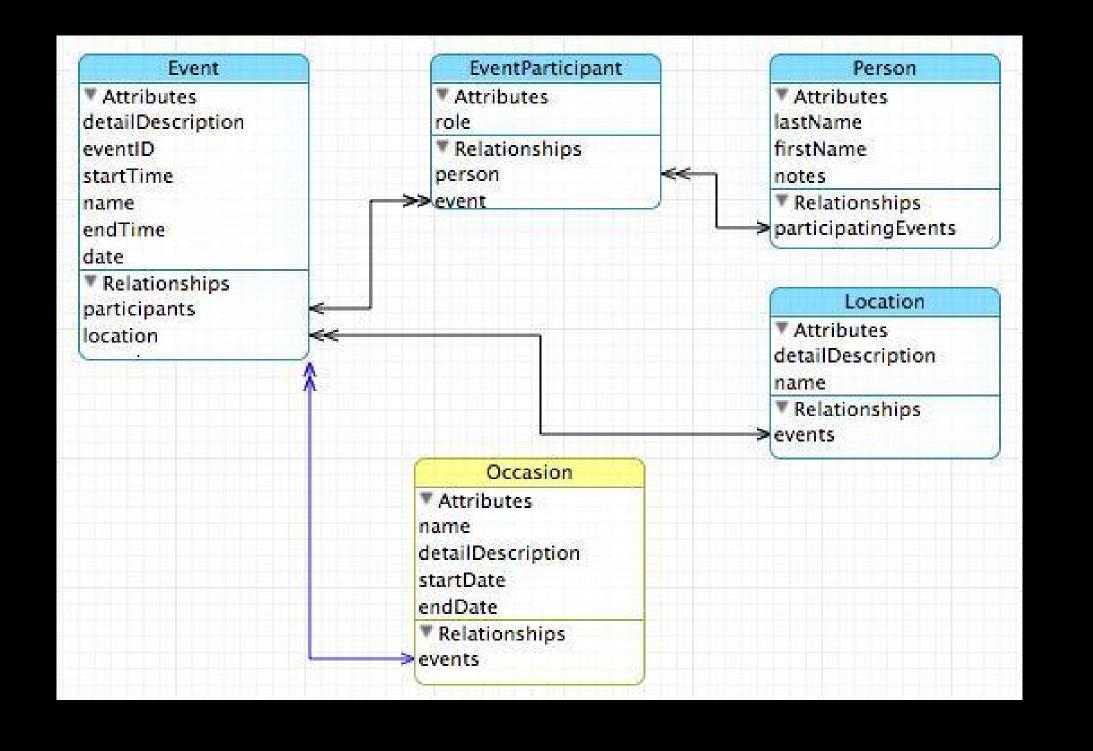
- Tables pretty much look like big fast programmable spreadsheets with rows, columns, and commands
- The power comes when we have more than one table and we can exploit the relationships between the tables

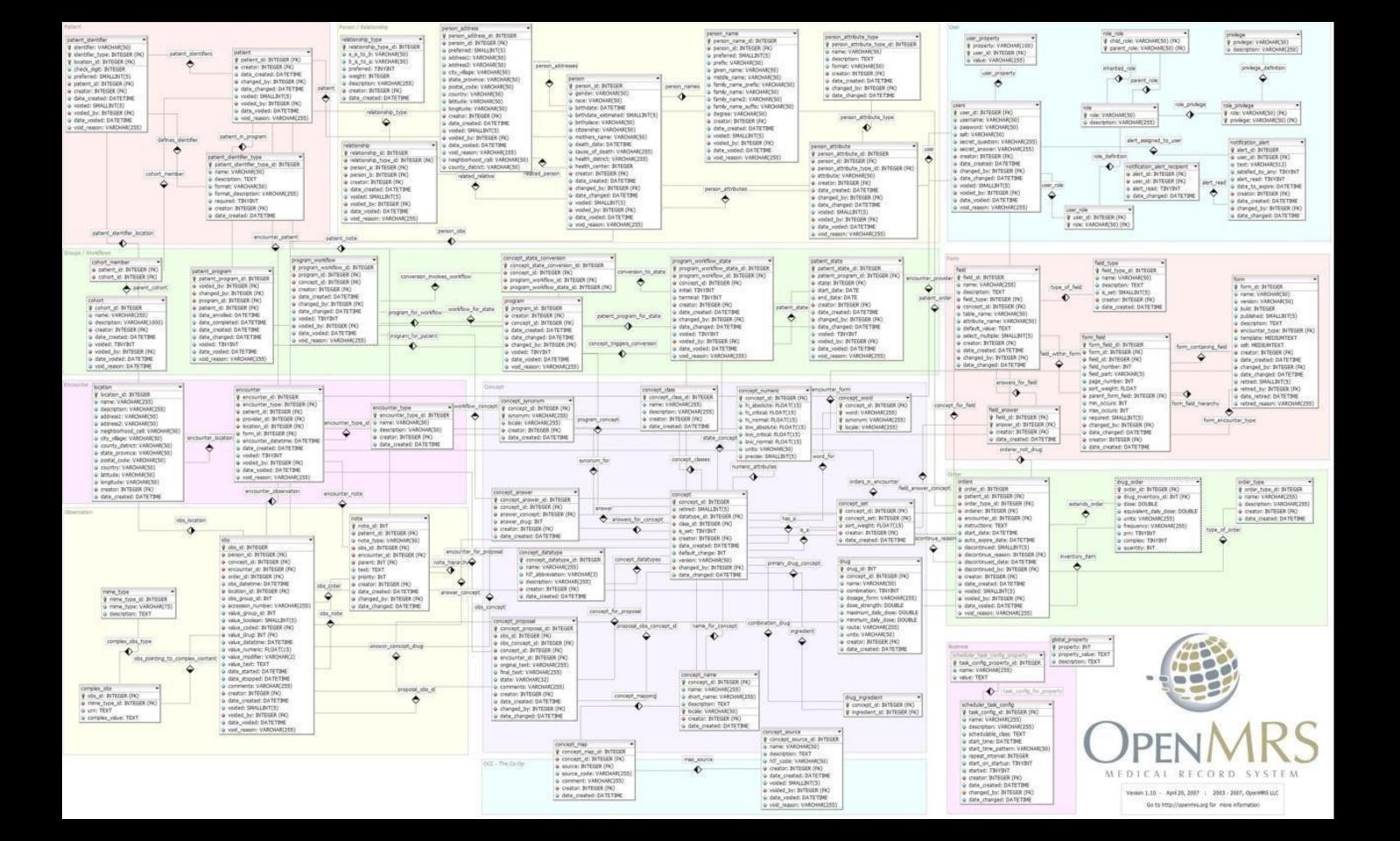
Complex Data Models and Relationships

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Relational_model

Database Design

- Database design is an art form of its own with particular skills and experience
- Our goal is to avoid the really bad mistakes and design clean and easily understood databases
- Others may performance tune things later
- Database design starts with a picture...





Building a Data Model

- Drawing a picture of the data objects for our application and then figuring out how to represent the objects and their relationships
- Basic Rule: Don't put the same string data in twice use a relationship instead
- When there is one thing in the "real world" there should be one copy of that thing in the database

Track	Len	Artist	Album	Genre	Rating	Count
☑ Hells Bells	5:13	AC/DC	Who Made Who	Rock	****	61
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■ Now You Are Gone	3:08	America	Greatest Hits	Easy Listen	****	18
☑ Tin Man	3:30	America	Greatest Hits	Easy Listen	****	23
☑ Sister Golden Hair	3:22	America	Greatest Hits	Easy Listen	****	24
☑ Track 01	4:22	Billy Price	Danger Zone	Blues/R&B	****	26
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☑ Iron Man	5:59	Black Sabbath	Paranoid	Metal	****	26
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☑ Hand of Doom	7:10	Black Sabbath	Paranoid	Metal	****	23
✓ Rat Salad	2:30	Black Sabbath	Paranoid	Metal	****	31
☑ Jack the Stripper/Fairies Wear	6:14	Black Sabbath	Paranoid	Metal	****	24
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☑ Heavy	3:08	Brent	Brent's Album			1
☑ Hi metal man	4:20	Brent	Brent's Album			1
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For each "piece of info"...

• Is the column an object or an attribute of another object?

• Once we define objects, we need to define the relationships between objects.

Len

Album

Genre

Artist

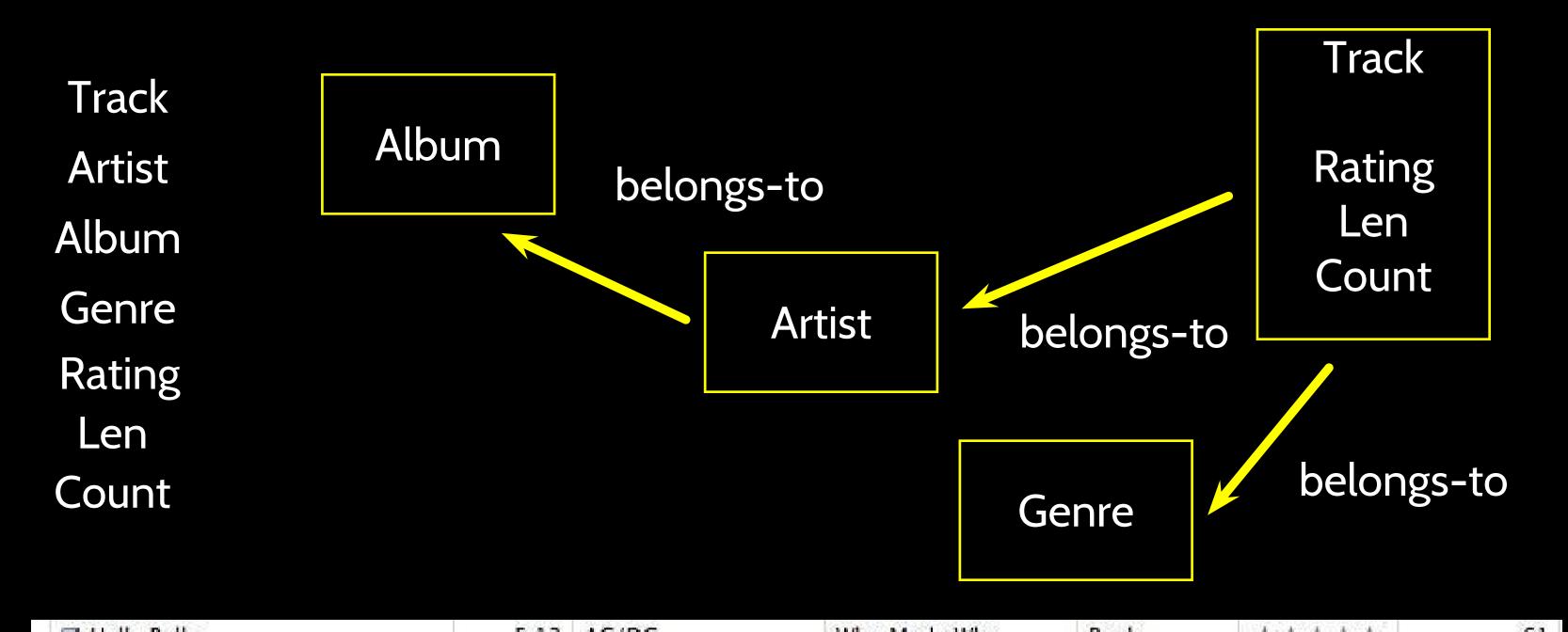
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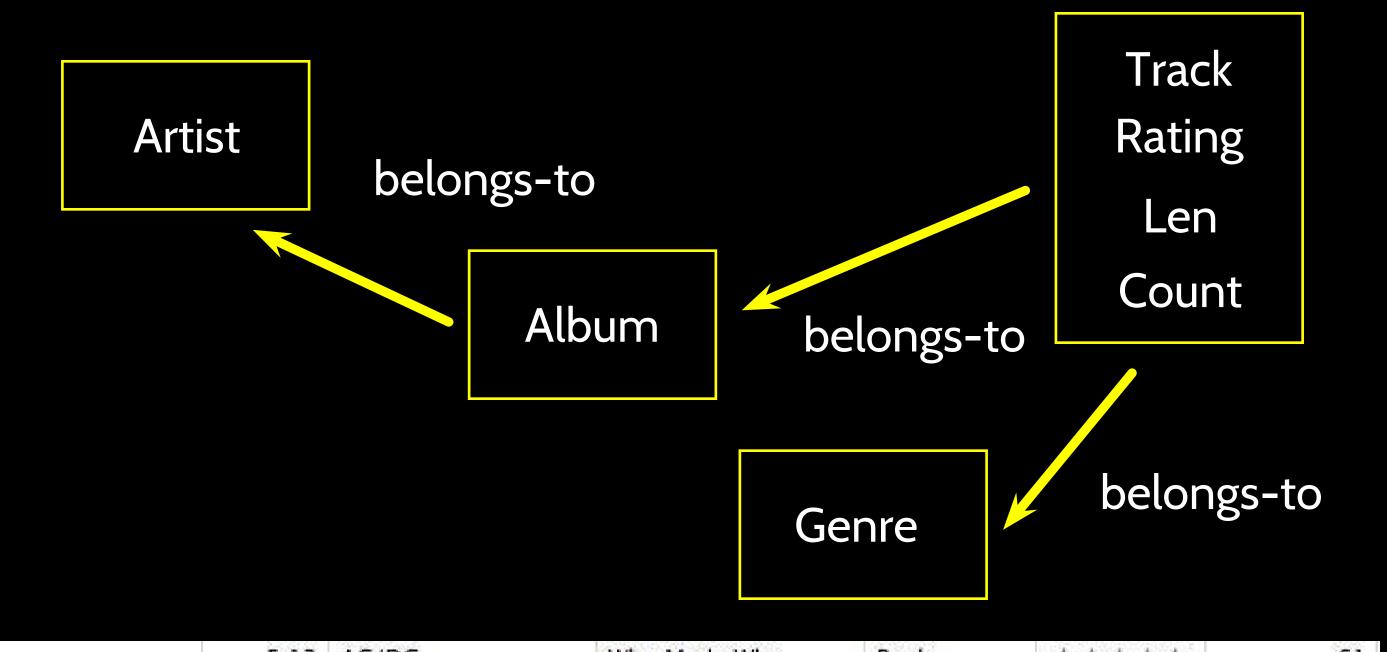
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Representing Relationships in a Database

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We want to keep track of which band is the "creator" of each music track... What album does this song "belong to"??

Which album is this song related to?

Database Normalization (3NF)

- There is *tons* of database theory way too much to understand without excessive predicate calculus
 - Do not replicate data reference data point at data
 - Use integers for keys and for references
 - Add a special "key" column to each table which we will make references to. By convention, many programmers call this column "id"

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Database_normalization

Integer Reference Pattern

We use integers to reference rows in another table

Use 'control + ;' to execute the query.

Led Zepplin

AC/DC

Artist

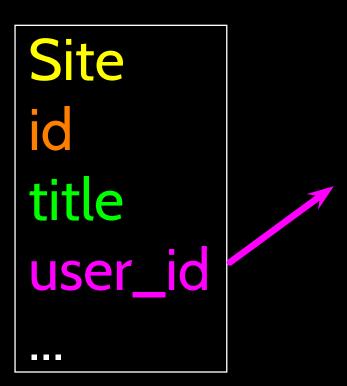
id	artist_	id title		
1	2	Who Made Who		
2	1	IV	Album	

Keys

Finding our way around....

Three Kinds of Keys

- Primary key generally an integer autoincrement field
- Logical key What the outside world uses for lookup
- Foreign key generally an integer key pointing to a row in another table



Primary Key Rules

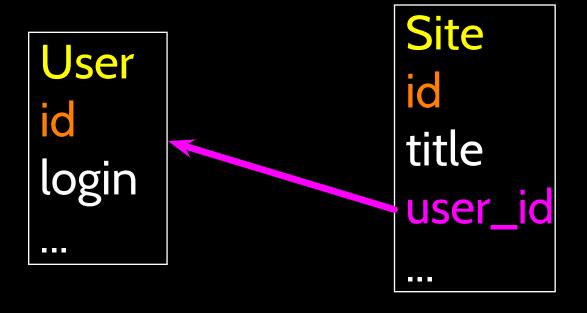
Best practices

- Never use your logical key as the primary key
- Logical keys can and do change, albeit slowly
- Relationships that are based on matching string fields are far less efficient than integers performance-wise

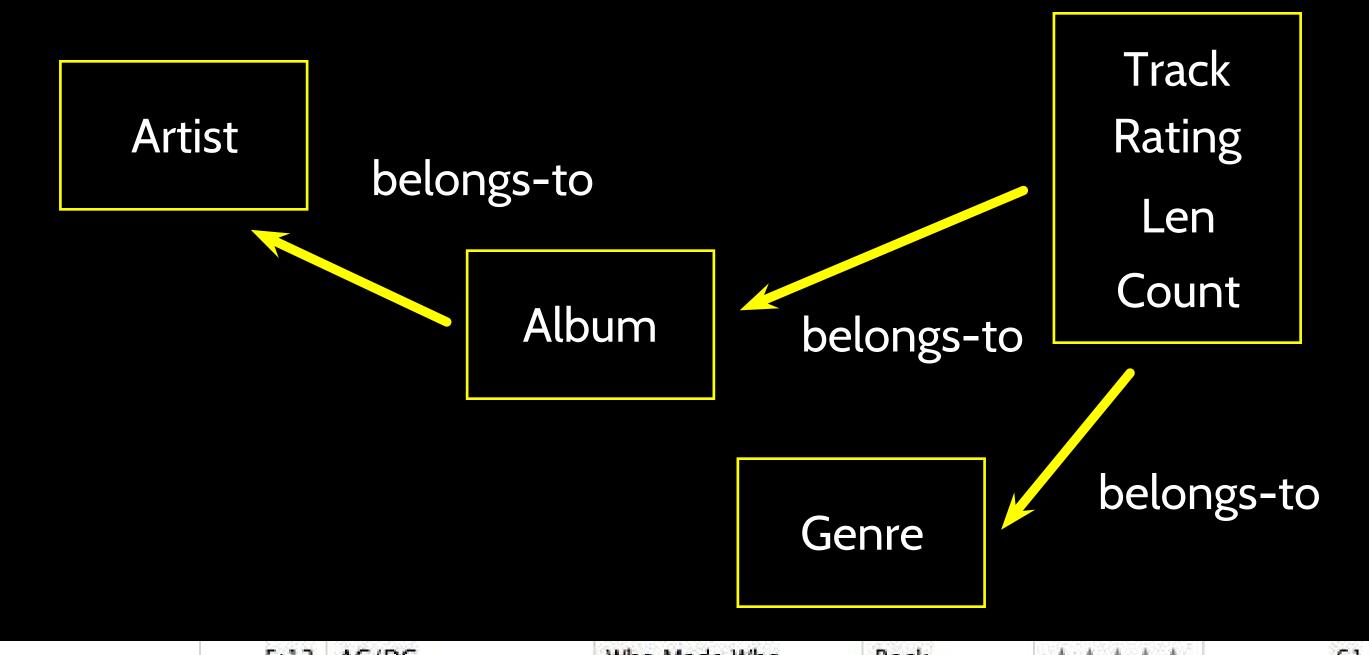
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Foreign Keys

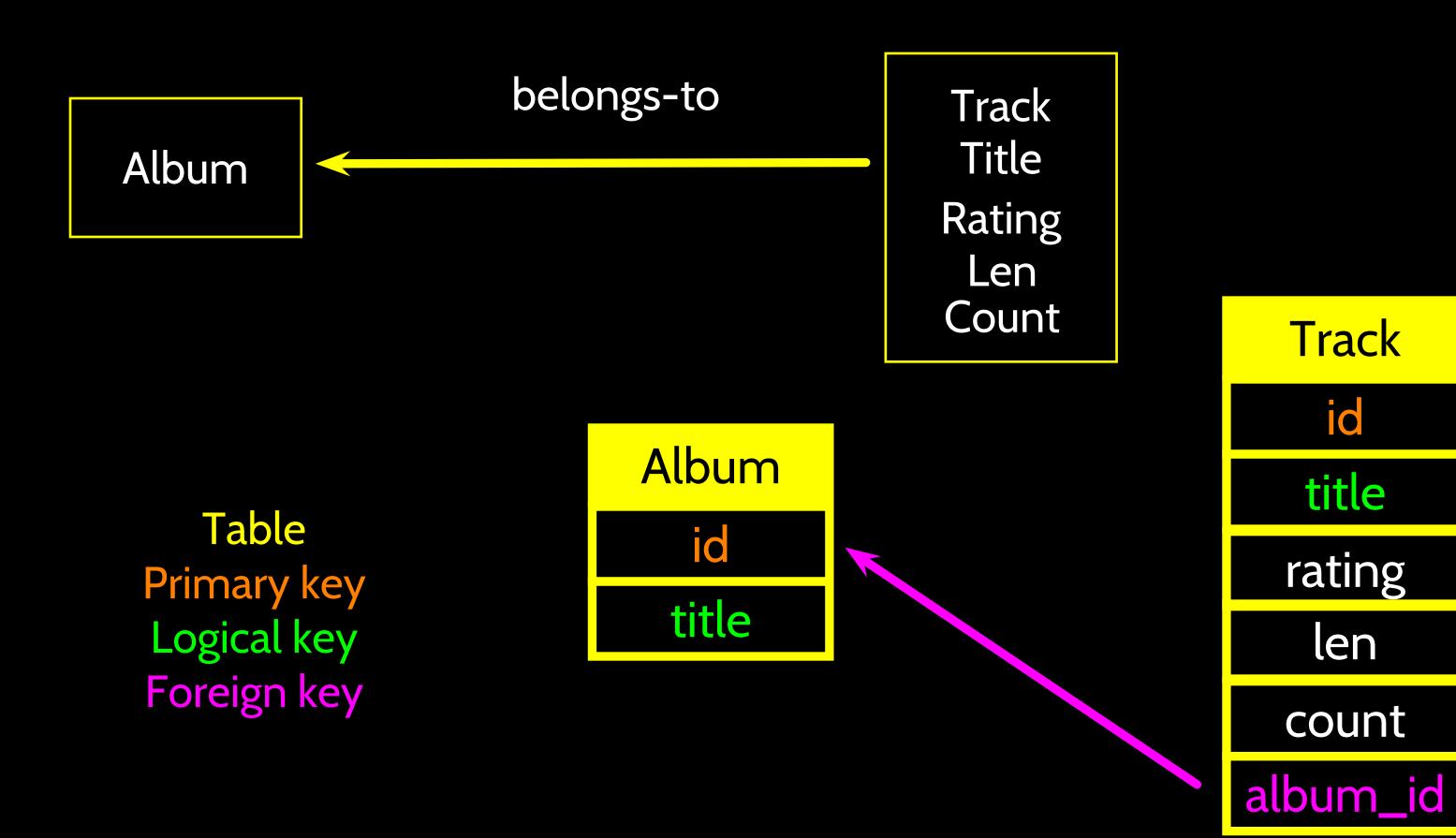
- A foreign key is when a table has a column that contains a key which points to the primary key of another table.
- When all primary keys are integers, then all foreign keys are integers this is good - very good
- If you use strings as foreign keys you show yourself to be an uncultured swine

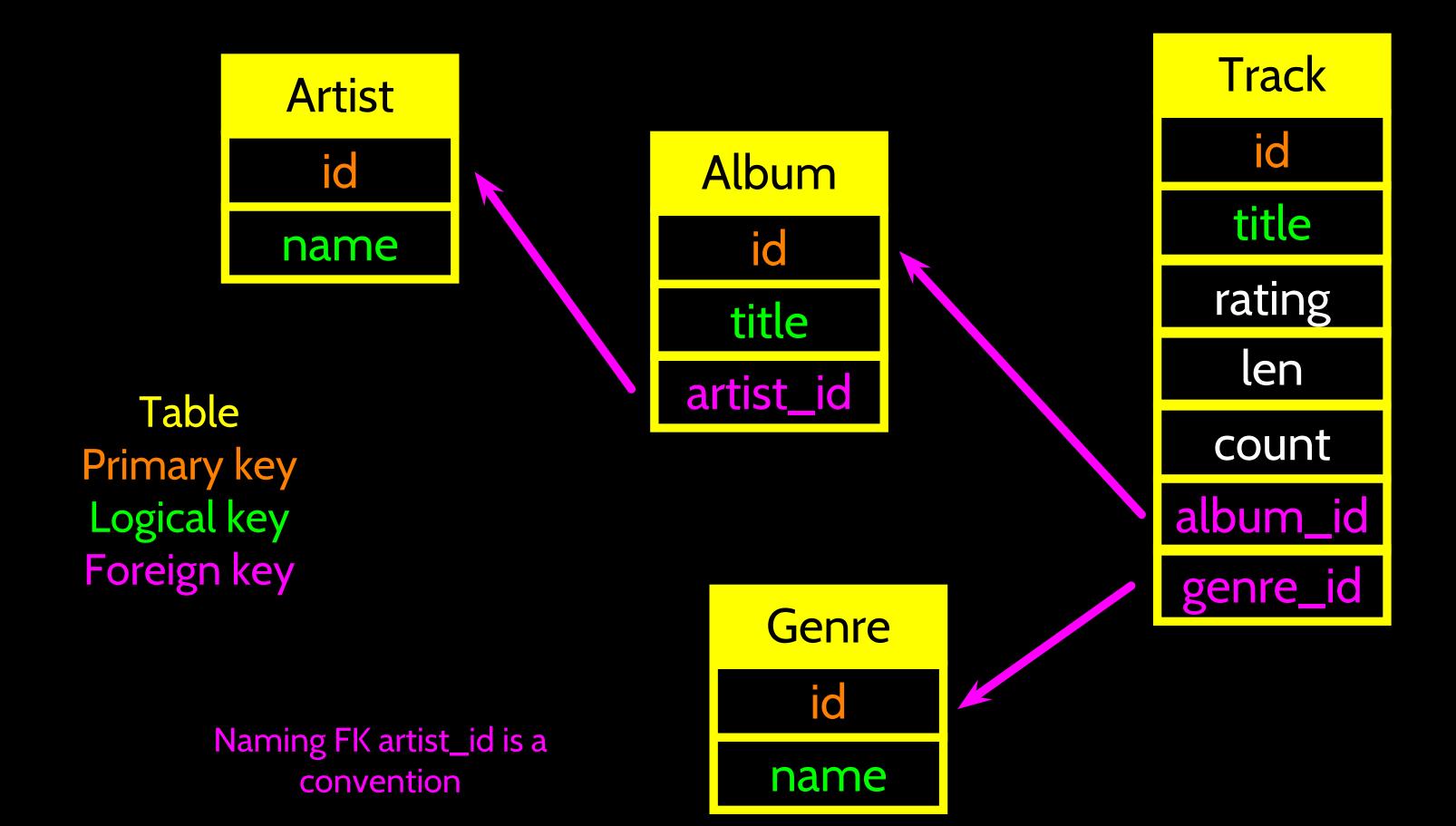


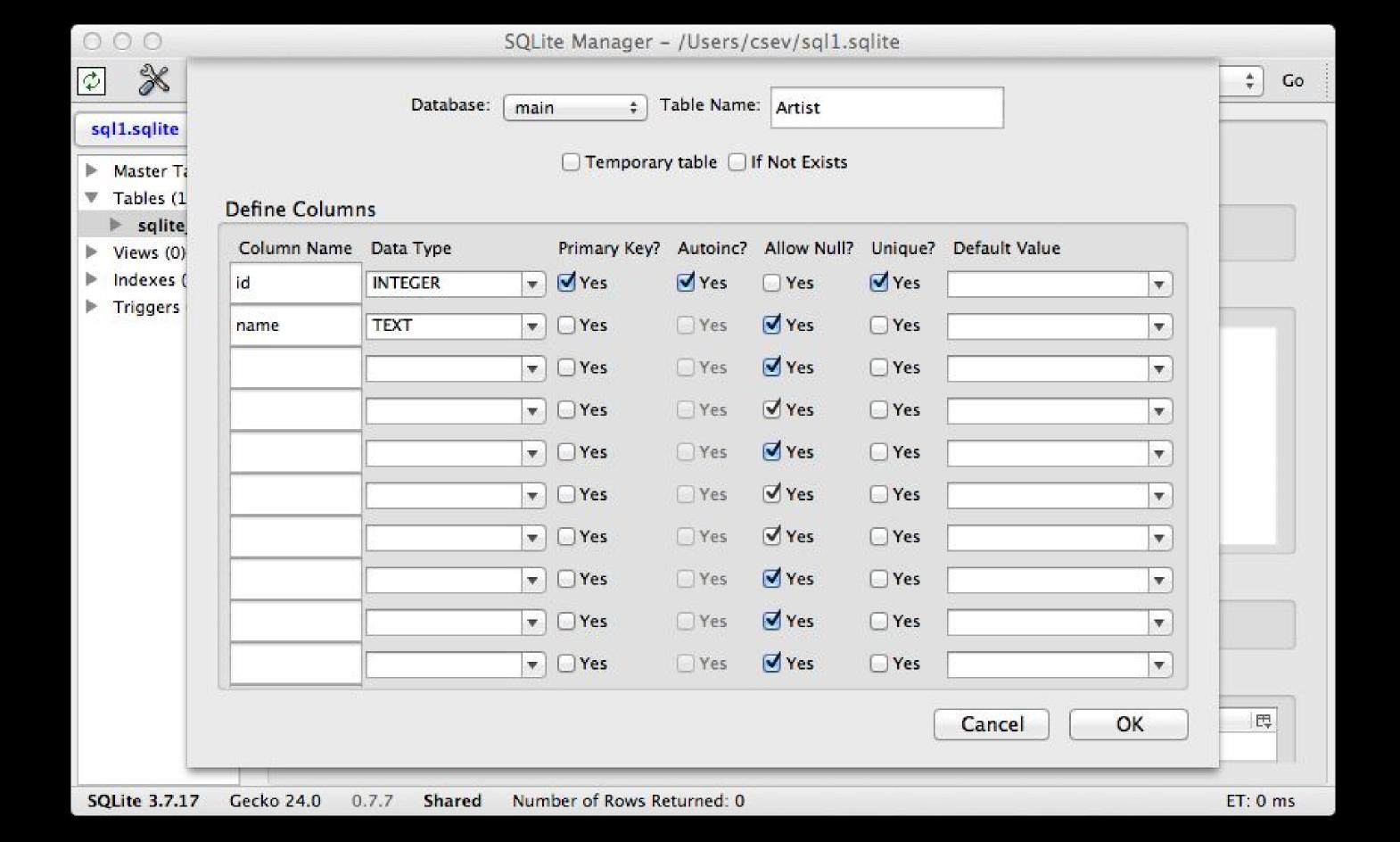
Relationship Building (in tables)

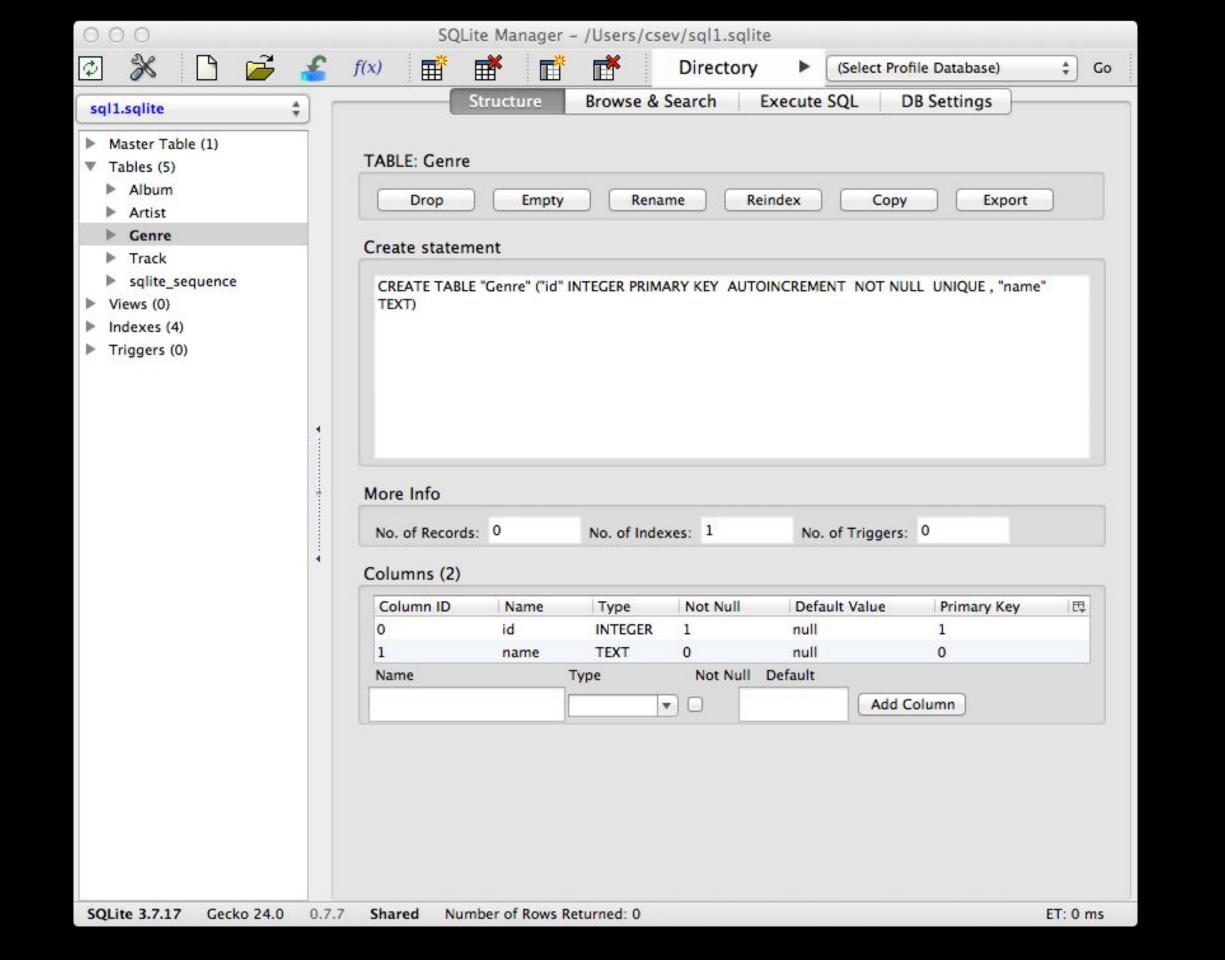


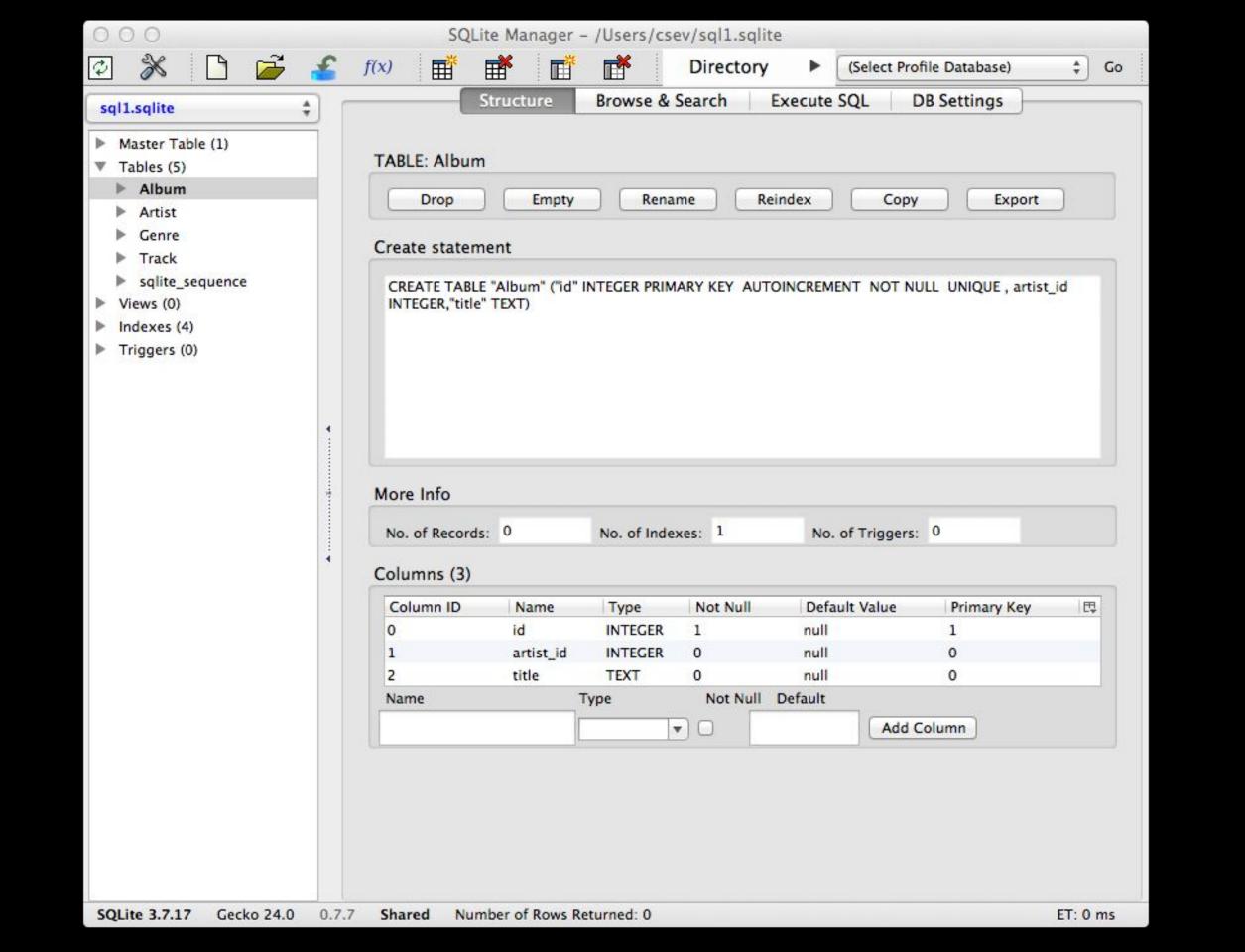
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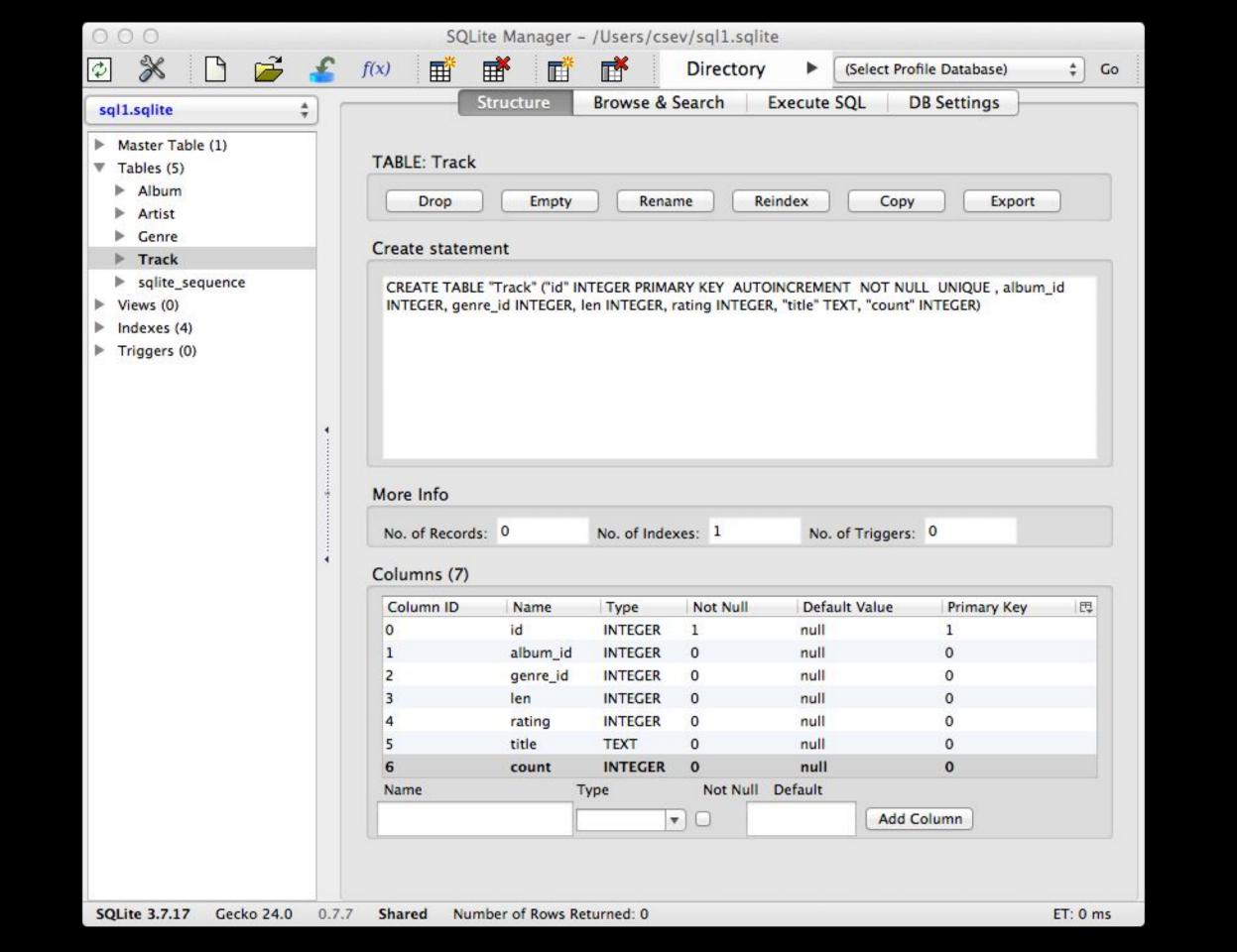


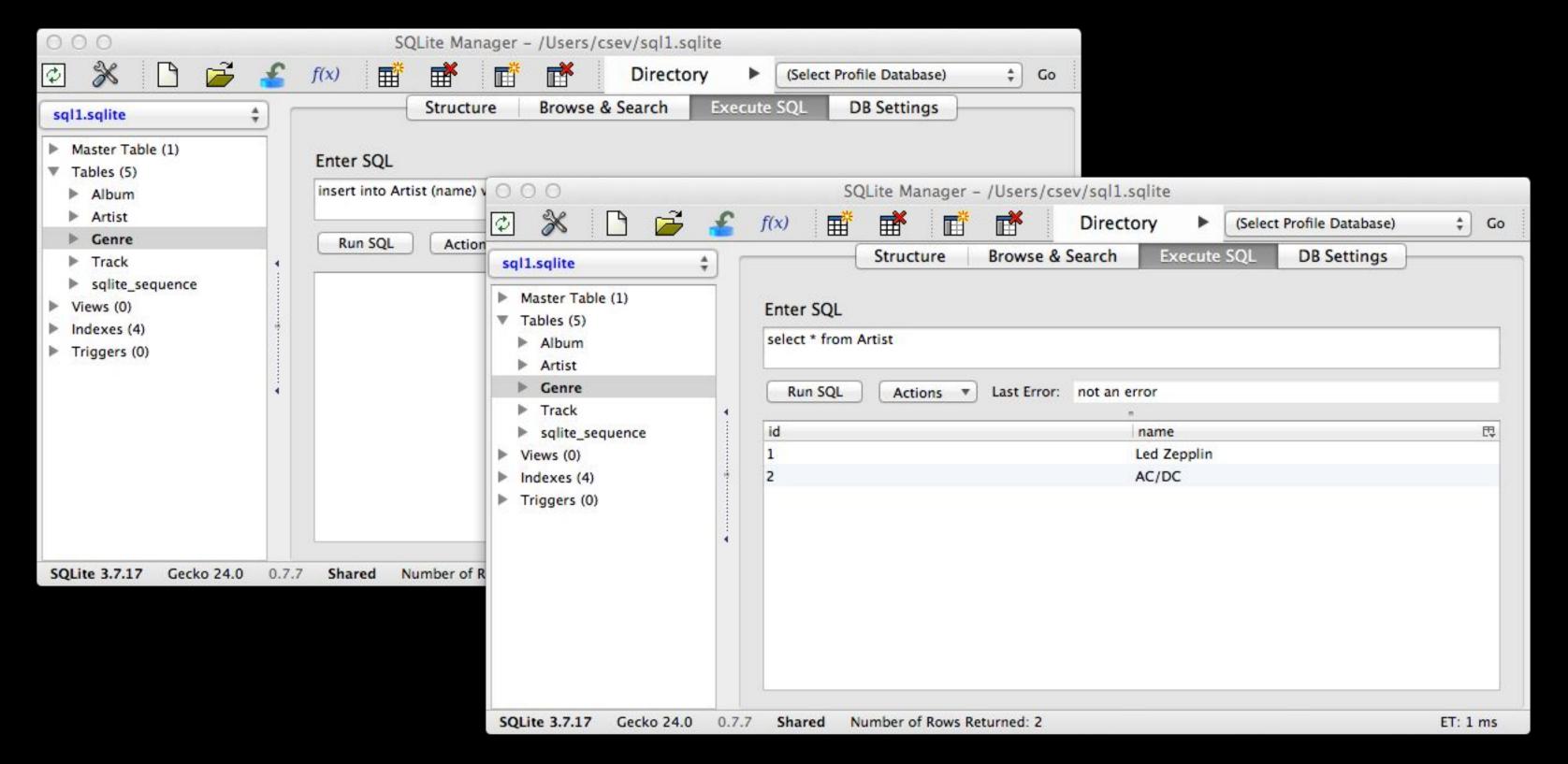




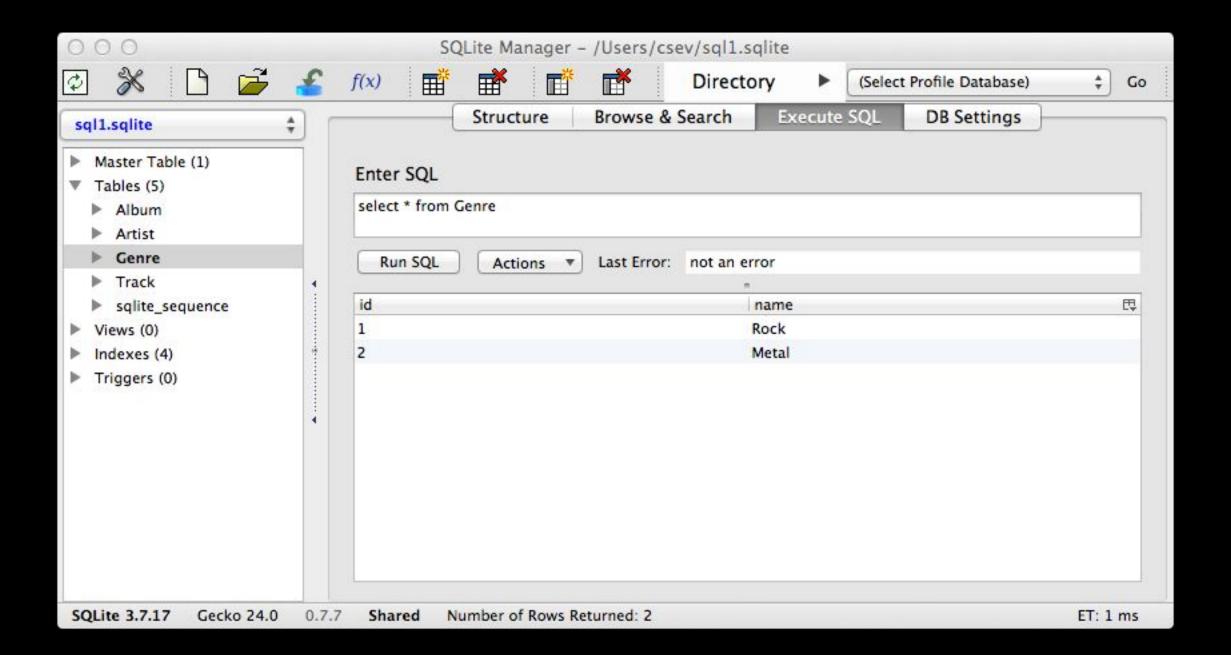




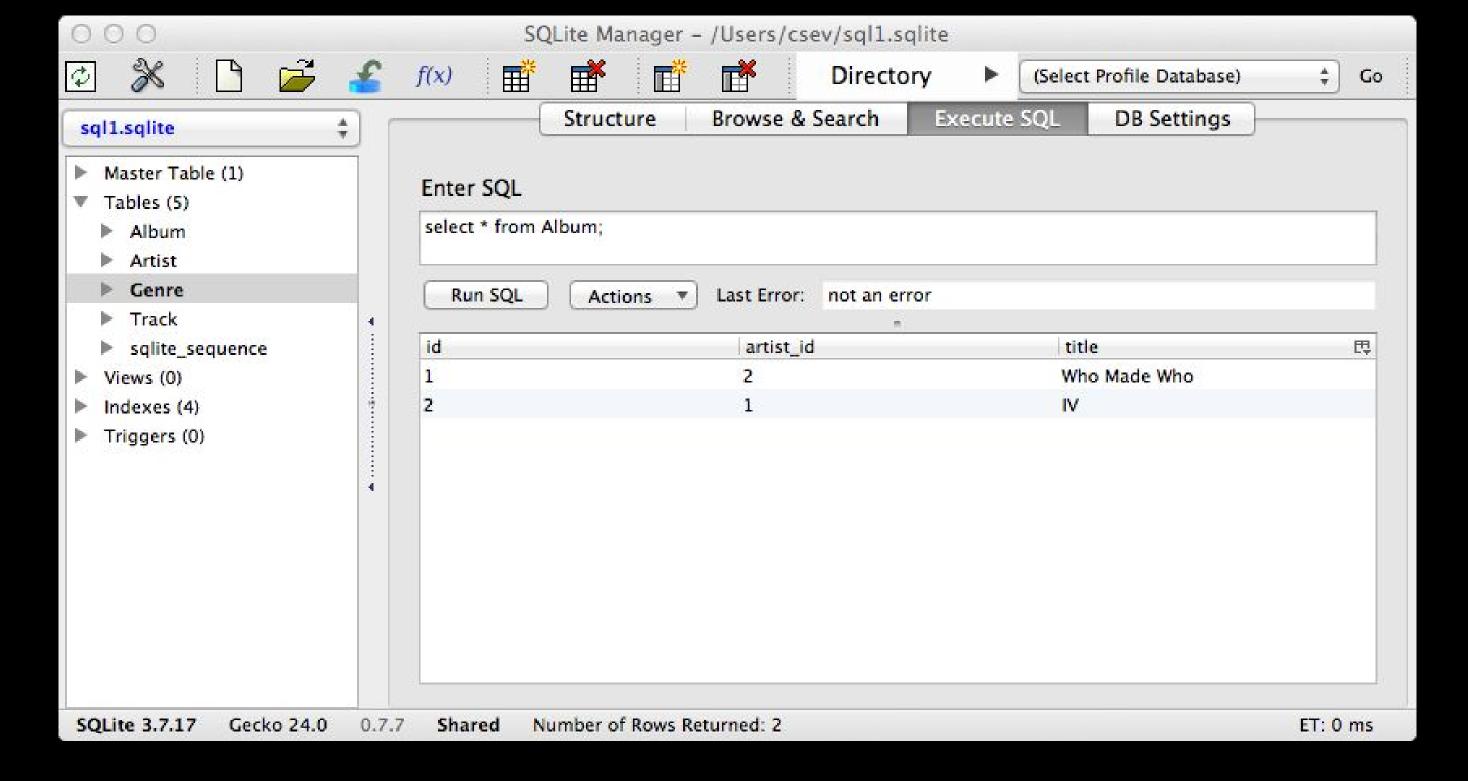




insert into Artist (name) values ('Led Zepplin') insert into Artist (name) values ('AC/DC')



insert into Genre (name) values ('Rock') insert into Genre (name) values ('Metal')



insert into Album (title, artist_id) values ('Who Made Who', 2) insert into Album (title, artist_id) values ('IV', 1)

insert into Track (title, rating, len, count, album_id, genre_id) values ('Black Dog', 5, 297, O, 2, 1)

insert into Track (title, rating, len, count, album_id, genre_id) values ('Stairway', 5, 482, 0, 2, 1)

insert into Track (title, rating, len, count, album_id, genre_id) values ('About to Rock', 5, 313, 0, 1, 2)

insert into Track (title, rating, len, count, album_id, genre_id) values ('Who Made Who', 5, 207, 0, 1, 2)

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2	2	1	482	5	Stairway	0
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We have relationships!

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2	1	IV	Album

Use 'control + ;' to execute the query.

Led Zepplin

AC/DC

Artist

name	
Rock	
Metal	Genre
	Rock Metal

Using Join Across Tables

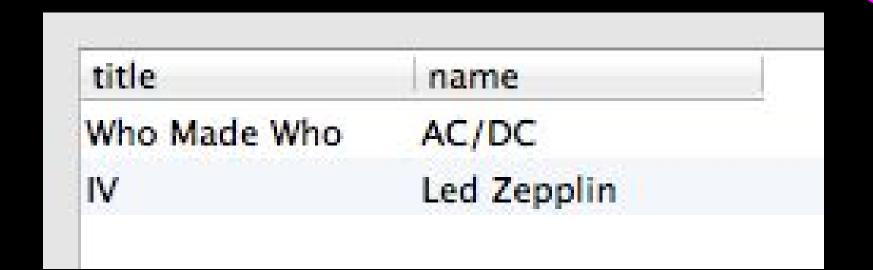
Relational Power

- By removing the replicated data and replacing it with references to a single copy of each bit of data we build a "web" of information that the relational database can read through very quickly even for very large amounts of data
- Often when you want some data it comes from a number of tables linked by these foreign keys

The JOIN Operation

- The JOIN operation links across several tables as part of a select operation
- You must tell the JOIN how to use the keys that make the connection between the tables using an ON clause





id Use 'control + ;' to execute the query.

1 Led Zepplin
2 AC/DC

select Album.title, Artist.name from Album join Artist on Album.artist_id = Artist.id

What we want to see

The tables that hold the data

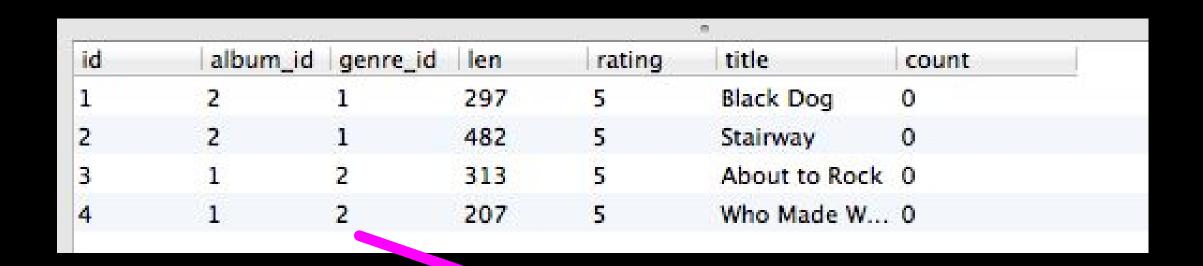
How the tables are linked

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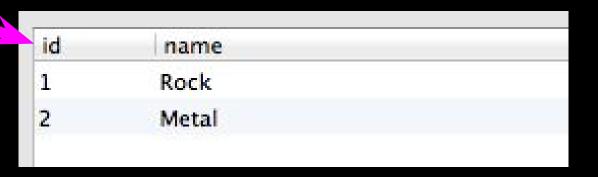
Album.title Album.artist_id Artist.id Artist.name

title	artist_id	id	name	
Who Made Who	2	2	AC/DC	
IV	1 -		Led Zepplin	

select Album.title, Album.artist_id, Artist.id,Artist.name
from Album join Artist on Album.artist_id = Artist.id







select Track.title, Genre.name from Track join Genre on Track.genre_id = Genre.id

What we want to see

The tables which hold the data

How the tables are linked

It can get complex...

select Track.title, Artist.name, Album.title, Genre.name from Track join Genre join Album join Artist on Track. genre_id = Genre.id and Track.album_id = Album.id and Album.artist_id = Artist.id

title	name	title	name	
Black Dog	Led Zepplin	IV	Rock	
Stairway	Led Zepplin	IV	Rock	
About to Rock	AC/DC	Who Made Who	Metal	
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☑ Track 01		Billy Price	Danger Zone	Blues/R&B	****	26
☑ Sister Golden Hair		America	Greatest Hits	Easy Listen	****	24
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Complexity Enables Speed

- Complexity makes speed possible and allows you to get very fast results as the data size grows
- By normalizing the data and linking it with integer keys, the overall amount of data which the relational database must scan is far lower than if the data were simply flattened out
- It might seem like a tradeoff spend some time designing your database so it continues to be fast when your application is a success

Additional SQL Topics

- Indexes improve access performance for things like string fields
- Constraints on data (cannot be NULL, etc..)
- Transactions allow SQL operations to be grouped and done as a unit
- See SI664 Database Design (All Semesters)

Summary

- Relational databases allow us to scale to very large amounts of data
- The key is to have one copy of any data element and use relations and joins to link the data to multiple places
- This greatly reduces the amount of data which much be scanned when doing complex operations across large amounts of data
- Database and SQL design is a bit of an art form



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