

Find the right table

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What table should I use?

- What columns are in your tables?
- What is the content in these columns?

```
SELECT *  
FROM payment;
```

LIMIT your results

```
SELECT *
FROM payment;
```

rental_id	rental_date	inventory_id	customer_id	return_date
2	2005-05-24 22:54:33	1525	459	2005-05-28 19:40:33
3	2005-05-24 23:03:39	1711	408	2005-06-01 22:12:39
4	2005-05-24 23:04:41	2452	333	2005-06-03 01:43:41
5	2005-05-24 23:05:21	2079	222	2005-06-02 04:33:21
6	2005-05-24 23:08:07	2792	549	2005-05-27 01:32:07
7	2005-05-24 23:11:53	3995	269	2005-05-29 20:34:53
8	2005-05-24 23:31:46	2346	239	2005-05-27 23:33:46
.....16035 MORE ROWS.....				

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LIMIT your results

```
SELECT *  
FROM payment  
LIMIT 5;
```

rental_id	rental_date	inventory_id	customer_id	return_date
2	2005-05-24 22:54:33	1525	459	2005-05-28 19:40:33
3	2005-05-24 23:03:39	1711	408	2005-06-01 22:12:39
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What tables are in my database?

PostgreSQL:

```
SELECT *  
FROM pg_catalog.pg_tables  
;
```

schemaname	tablename	tableowner
public	address	postgres
public	actor	postgres
public	film_actor	postgres
public	language	postgres
...

What tables are in my database?

PostgreSQL:

```
SELECT *  
FROM pg_catalog.pg_tables  
WHERE schema_name = 'public';
```

schemaname	tablename	tableowner
public	address	postgres
public	actor	postgres
public	film_actor	postgres
public	language	postgres
...

What tables are in my database?

PostgreSQL:

```
SELECT * FROM pg_catalog.pg_tables;
```

SQL Server - TSQL:

```
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES;
```

MySQL:

```
SHOW TABLES;
```

...

Find the tables you need!

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Join the correct tables

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All tables & columns

PostgreSQL:

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.columns;
```

SQL Server - TSQL:

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.columns;
```

MySQL:

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.columns;
```

...

All tables & columns

PostgreSQL:

```
SELECT *  
FROM information_schema.columns  
;
```

table_catalog	table_schema	table_name	column_name
pagilla	pg_catalog	pg_proc	proname
pagilla	pg_catalog	pg_proc	pronamespace
pagilla	pg_catalog	pg_proc	proowner
pagilla	pg_catalog	pg_proc	prolang
...

All tables & columns

PostgreSQL:

```
SELECT *  
FROM information_schema.columns  
WHERE table_schema = 'public';
```

table_catalog	table_schema	table_name	column_name
pagilla	public	address	address_id
pagilla	public	address	address
pagilla	public	address	district
pagilla	public	address	city
...

Aggregate the columns

```
SELECT table_name,  
       STRING_AGG(column_name, ', ' ) AS columns  
  
;
```

Aggregate the columns

```
SELECT table_name,  
       STRING_AGG(column_name, ', ') AS columns  
FROM information_schema.columns  
  
;
```


Aggregate the columns

```
SELECT table_name,  
       STRING_AGG(column_name, ', ') AS columns  
FROM information_schema.columns  
WHERE table_schema = 'public'  
GROUP BY table_name;
```

table	columns
rental	rental_id, rental_date, inventory_id, customer_id, return_date
film_actor	actor_id, film_id
film	film_id, title, description, release_year, language_id, ...
customer	customer_id, first_name, last_name, email, address_id, active
...	...

A VIEW of tables and columns

A **VIEW** is a virtual table.

```
CREATE VIEW name_of_view AS
```

```
...
```

```
CREATE VIEW table_columns AS
SELECT table_name,
       STRING_AGG(column_name, ', ') AS columns
FROM information_schema.columns
WHERE table_schema = 'public'
GROUP BY table_name;
```

table_columns

```
SELECT *  
FROM table_columns;
```

table	columns
rental	rental_id, rental_date, inventory_id, customer_id, return_date
film_actor	actor_id, film_id
film	film_id, title, description, release_year, language_id, rental_duration,
customer	customer_id, first_name, last_name, email, address_id, active
actor	actor_id, first_name, last_name
...	...

Let's find some data!

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Complex joins

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A complex question

How many videos were rented in each city?



Connecting the data

RENTAL
RENTAL_ID
INVENTORY_ID
CUSTOMER_ID
RENTAL_DATE
RETURN_DATE
...

Connecting the data

RENTAL
RENTAL_ID
INVENTORY_ID
CUSTOMER_ID
RENTAL_DATE
RETURN_DATE
...

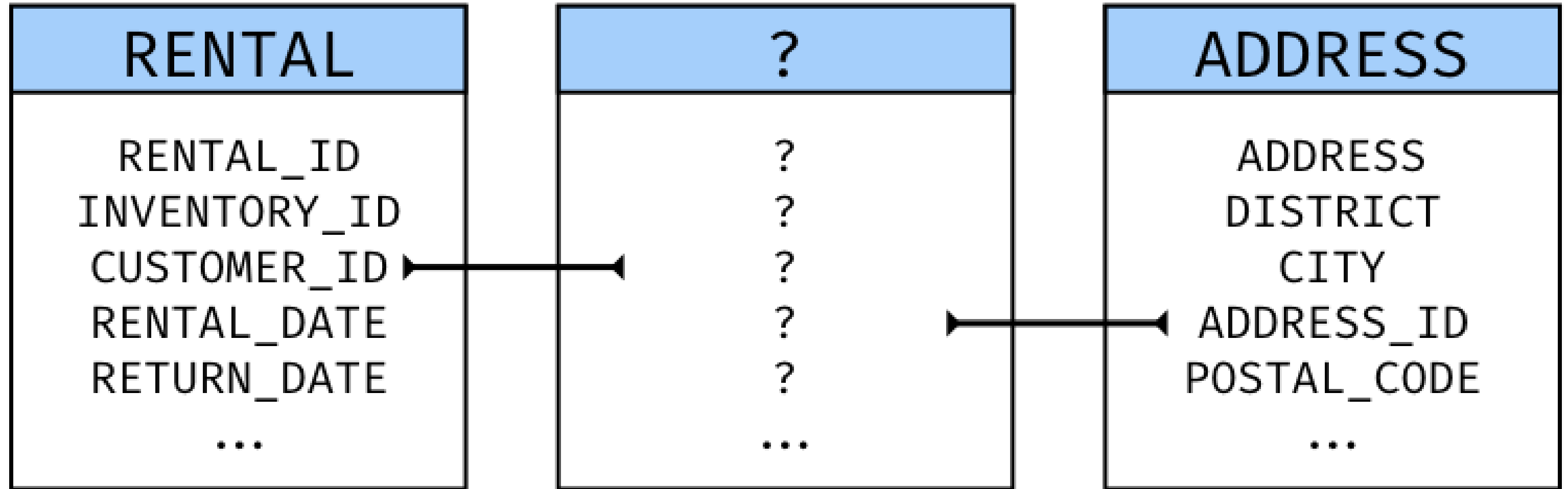
?
?
?
?
?
...

Connecting the data

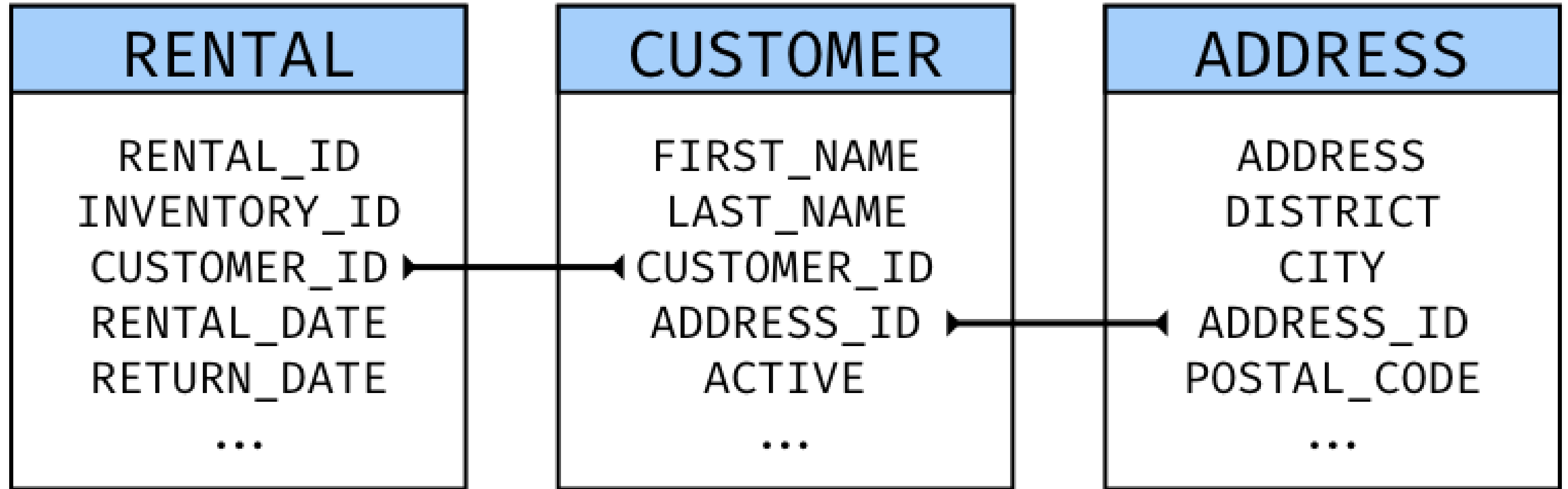
RENTAL
RENTAL_ID
INVENTORY_ID
CUSTOMER_ID
RENTAL_DATE
RETURN_DATE
...

ADDRESS
ADDRESS
DISTRICT
CITY
ADDRESS_ID
POSTAL_CODE
...

Connecting the data



Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD)



Tools for finding your data

```
-- LIMIT your results  
SELECT *  
FROM ___  
LIMIT 10;
```

```
-- List the tables you have  
SELECT *  
FROM pg_catalog.pg_tables  
WHERE schemaname = 'public';
```

```
-- Explore tables & columns using your new VIEW  
SELECT * FROM table_columns;
```

Your turn!

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