



# Introduction to relational databases



# What is a relational database?

- Based on relational model of data
- First described by Edgar "Ted" Codd



# **Example: Northwind database**

#### Orders table

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#### Customers table

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# **Relational model**

- Widely adopted
- Todd's 12 Rules/Commandments
  - Consists of 13 rules (zero-indexed!)
  - Describes what a Relational Database Management
     System should adhere to to be considered relational



# Relational Database Management Systems

- PostgreSQL
- MySQL
- **SQLite**
- SQL = Structured Query Language











# Let's practice!





# Creating a database engine in Python



# Creating a database engine

- SQLite database
  - Fast and simple
- SQLAlchemy
  - Works with many Relational Database Management Systems

```
In [1]: from sqlalchemy import create_engine
In [2]: engine = create_engine('sqlite:///Northwind.sqlite')
```



# **Getting table names**

```
In [1]: from sqlalchemy import create_engine
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```

```
In [3]: table_names = engine.table_names()
In [4]: print(table_names)
['Categories', 'Customers', 'EmployeeTerritories',
'Employees', 'Order Details', 'Orders', 'Products',
'Region', 'Shippers', 'Suppliers', 'Territories']
```





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# Querying relational databases in Python



# **Basic SQL query**

SELECT \* FROM Table\_Name

- Returns all columns of all rows of the table
- Example:

SELECT \* FROM Orders

We'll use SQLAlchemy and pandas



# Workflow of SQL querying

- Import packages and functions
- Create the database engine
- Connect to the engine
- Query the database
- Save query results to a DataFrame
- Close the connection



# Your first SQL query

```
In [1]: from sqlalchemy import create_engine
In [2]: import pandas as pd
In [3]: engine = create_engine('sqlite:///Northwind.sqlite')
In [4]: con = engine.connect()
In [5]: rs = con.execute("SELECT * FROM Orders")
In [6]: df = pd.DataFrame(rs.fetchall())
In [7]: con.close()
```



# Printing your query results

```
[8]: print(df.head())
             2
                                   3
                                                         4
10248
      VINET
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In [8]: con.close()
```



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                                               OrderDate
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# Using the context manager





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# Querying relational databases directly with pandas



# The pandas way to query

```
In [5]: df = pd.read_sql_query("SELECT * FROM Orders", engine)
```





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# Advanced querying: exploiting table relationships



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# **JOINing tables**

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# **INNER JOIN in Python (pandas)**

```
In [1]: from sqlalchemy import create_engine
In [2]: import pandas as pd
In [3]: engine = create_engine('sqlite:///Northwind.sqlite')
In [4]: df = pd.read_sql_query("SELECT OrderID, CompanyName FROM
Orders INNER JOIN Customers on Orders.CustomerID =
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# **Final Thoughts**



# What you've learned:

- Relational databases
- Queries
  - SELECT
  - WHERE
  - JOIN



### **Next course:**

- Scrape data from the web
- Interact with APIs





# Congratulations!