

## Star Schema

In this project, **Sales\_Fact** is used as the central fact table and is directly connected to **Customer\_Dim, Product\_Dim, Region\_Dim, and Date\_Dim**.

- Simple structure shaped like a star
- One-to-Many relationships
- Easy to understand and better performance  
Used as the **primary data model** for sales analysis.

## Snowflake Schema

In a snowflake schema, dimension tables are further **normalized into multiple related tables**.

- More complex structure with additional joins
- Improves data organization but reduces simplicity
- In this project, **Returns\_Fact linked with Sales\_Fact** demonstrates a **snowflake-like structure** and helps handle inactive relationships.

Used to demonstrate **advanced modeling and relationship handling**.

### In short:

- *Star Schema* → Simple, fast, and user-friendly
- *Snowflake Schema* → Normalized, structured, and complex

### ② Relationship ambiguity:

Multiple date relationships between *Sales\_Fact* and *Returns\_Fact* caused ambiguity.

*Resolved by* creating an **inactive relationship** for *ReturnDateKey* and managing it carefully.

### ② Incorrect cardinality risk:

There was a possibility of incorrect many-to-many relationships between fact and dimension tables.

*Resolved by* properly defining **Primary Keys and Foreign Keys** and enforcing **1-to-Many** cardinality.

### ② Filter direction issues:

Bi-directional filters initially produced unexpected results.

*Resolved by* using **single-direction filters** and enabling bi-directional filters only where justified.

### ② Data quality issues:

Some columns contained blank values or incorrect data types.

*Resolved by* cleaning and transforming data in **Power Query** (removing blanks and correcting data types).

