

# What is Database Normalization?

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- Database Normalization is a process
- It can be very theoretical, but we'll keep it simple
- Once you get to understand it, it becomes second nature
- It's like riding a bike!



# Main Activity

Organize database into tables and columns:

- Table should be about a specific topic
- Only columns supporting that topic are included

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<u>EmployeeID</u>	SalesPerson	SalesOffice	OfficeNumber	Customer1	Customer2	Customer3
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1004	John Hunt	New York	212-555-1212	Dell	HP	Apple
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Employees

Sales Offices

Customers



# Summary

Normalization is a process we use to organize a database into tables and columns.

- A table should be one topic.
- Don't get overwhelmed.
- It can be very theoretical; we'll keep it practical.