

# HW3 - Implement a Very Simple Database

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**Due** Nov 13 by 11:59pm      **Points** 10      **Submitting** a file upload      **File Types** zip  
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## Overview

This homework provides some insight into the implementation of a database engine by implementing a very small, simple database engine on top of CSVFiles. There are two parts to the homework.

1. Building a simple database catalog.
2. Building a query engine using information defined in the catalog.

## Part 1: CSVCatalog

You can find an implementation template in Python at [CSVCatalog\\_Template](https://github.com/donald-f-ferguson/W4111-f18/blob/master/Homework_Templates/HW3/CSVCatalog_Template.py). [↗ \(https://github.com/donald-f-ferguson/W4111-f18/blob/master/Homework\\_Templates/HW3/CSVCatalog\\_Template.py\)](https://github.com/donald-f-ferguson/W4111-f18/blob/master/Homework_Templates/HW3/CSVCatalog_Template.py) There is an empty [catalog\\_unit\\_test.py](https://github.com/donald-f-ferguson/W4111-f18/blob/master/Homework_Templates/HW3/catalog_unit_tests.py) [↗ \(https://github.com/donald-f-ferguson/W4111-f18/blob/master/Homework\\_Templates/HW3/catalog\\_unit\\_tests.py\)](https://github.com/donald-f-ferguson/W4111-f18/blob/master/Homework_Templates/HW3/catalog_unit_tests.py) file, which I will be filling out with tests.

CSVCatalog implements a simple database catalog. The catalog defines three types:

1. A *TableDefinition* represents metadata information about a CSVDataTable. The database engine will maintain the data in a CSV file. The catalog contains information about:
  1. The path/file name for the data.
  2. Column names, types and whether or not NULL is an allowed value. The column names defined via the catalog API are a subset of column headers in the underlying CSV file.
  3. Columns that comprise the primary key.
  4. A set of one or more index definitions. An index definition has a name, type of index (PRIMARY, UNIQUE, INDEX) and columns that comprise the index value.
2. ColumnDefinition: A class defining a column.
3. IndexDefinition: A class defining an index.

The catalog supports:

- Defining a new table.
- Dropping an existing table definition.
- Loading a previous defined table definition.
- Adding and removing columns from a table definition.
- Adding and removing indexes from a table definition.

You will save the catalog information in a set of tables you define and create. Your definition must include constraints that you think make sense. You must put your tables in a schema named CSVCatalog.

HW 3 Part 2 will build on the previous CSVDataTable. Part 2 uses the catalog from part 1 to process and optimize queries.

## Part 2: CSVDataTable Engine

We will discuss this part of the homework on Friday, after an initial discussion of query processing and optimization. The HW definition will provide an updated CSVDataTable implementation.

## Submission Format

Your submission is a zip file containing the following files/directories.

- README.md
- /src
  - CSVCatalog.py (your implementation)
  - CSVDataTable.py (your implementation building on base impl.)
- /test
  - unit\_test\_catalog.py: The test file provided and any additional tests your write.
  - unit\_test\_catalog.txt: A file containing the execution of your tests.
  - unit\_test\_csv\_table.py: A test file provided and any additional tests you write.
  - unit\_test\_csv\_table.txt: A file containing the execution of your tests.
- /data:
  - Minimally, People.csv. Teams.csv and Batting.csv from the Lahman 2017 data.
  - Additional CSV file you decide to include.
- /sql
  - create.sql: SQL statements to create your tables and constraints for the catalog.