Are Relational Databases Obsolete?

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Summary

What about NoSQL?

Are SQL databases obsolete?

SQL database are not web scale

Joins are slow

The relational schema is too rigid

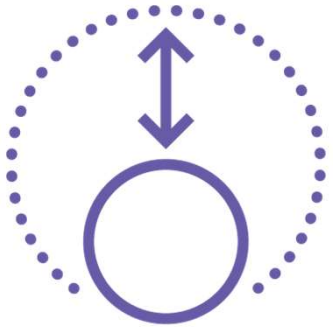
What is the CAP theorem?

SQL is very old

Can We Predict the Load?

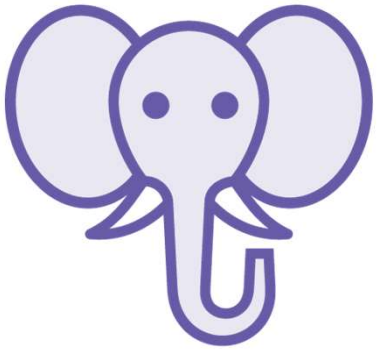
Traditional application
You can predict your load

Web scale
On the web or mobile, you can't predict the load

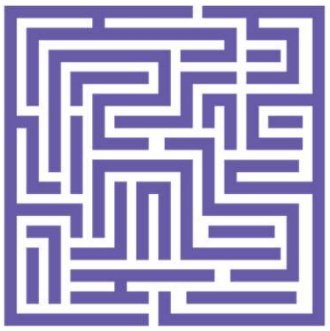


Elasticity
You need to be able to scale

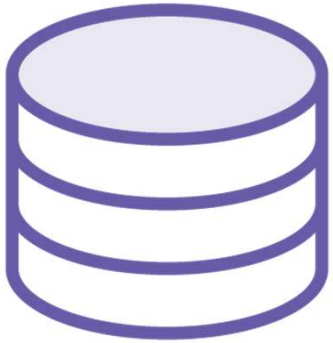
Do We Need Scalability?



Is your data big?
Maybe you don't need Big Data



Complexity
Scaling means creating more complexity



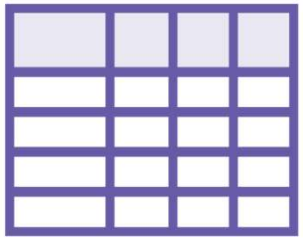
NoSQL and Big Data
They are good at scaling

What Is NoSQL?

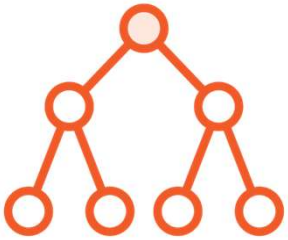
It is a movement

Key-value store

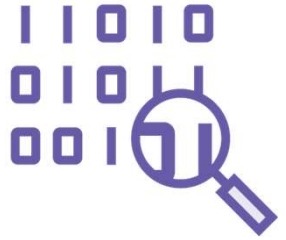
Document database



Wide-row store

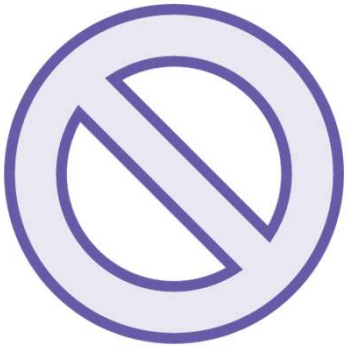


Graph database

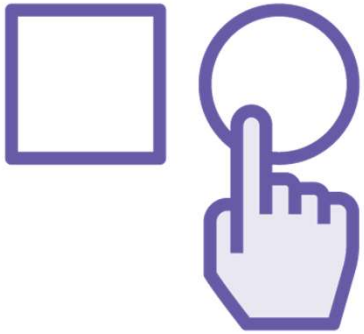


Search engine

Is It Really No SQL?



No to SQL?
We don't like this language



Not only SQL?
We get more choice

But they have SQL!
So we love this language

Apache Cassandra's CQL

```
CREATE TABLE enrollment
(
    contactid uuid,
    enrollment_date timestamp,
    session text,
    PRIMARY KEY (contactid, enrollment_date)
) WITH CLUSTERING ORDER BY (enrollment_date DESC);

INSERT INTO enrollment (contactid, enrollment_date, session)
VALUES (
    uuid(),
    toTimestamp(now()),
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);

SELECT *
FROM enrollment
WHERE contactid = 66fedeb0-69db-41df-b10f-cec2d42a77bd;
```

Couchbase Server's N1QL

```
SELECT DISTINCT(name) AS Airline, id
FROM `travel-sample`
WHERE type = 'airline'
AND country LIKE '%Fran%' LIMIT 5 OFFSET 5
```

```
SELECT a.name, s.flight, s.utc, r.sourceairport,
       r.destinationairport, r.equipment
FROM `travel-sample` r UNNEST r.schedule s
JOIN `travel-sample` a ON KEYS r.airlineid
WHERE r.sourceairport='SEA'
AND r.destinationairport='MCO' AND s.day=6
ORDER BY a.name
```

It Is Not About the Language

SQL is well-known, we can build on that

In Big Data, Hive or Spark implement SQL

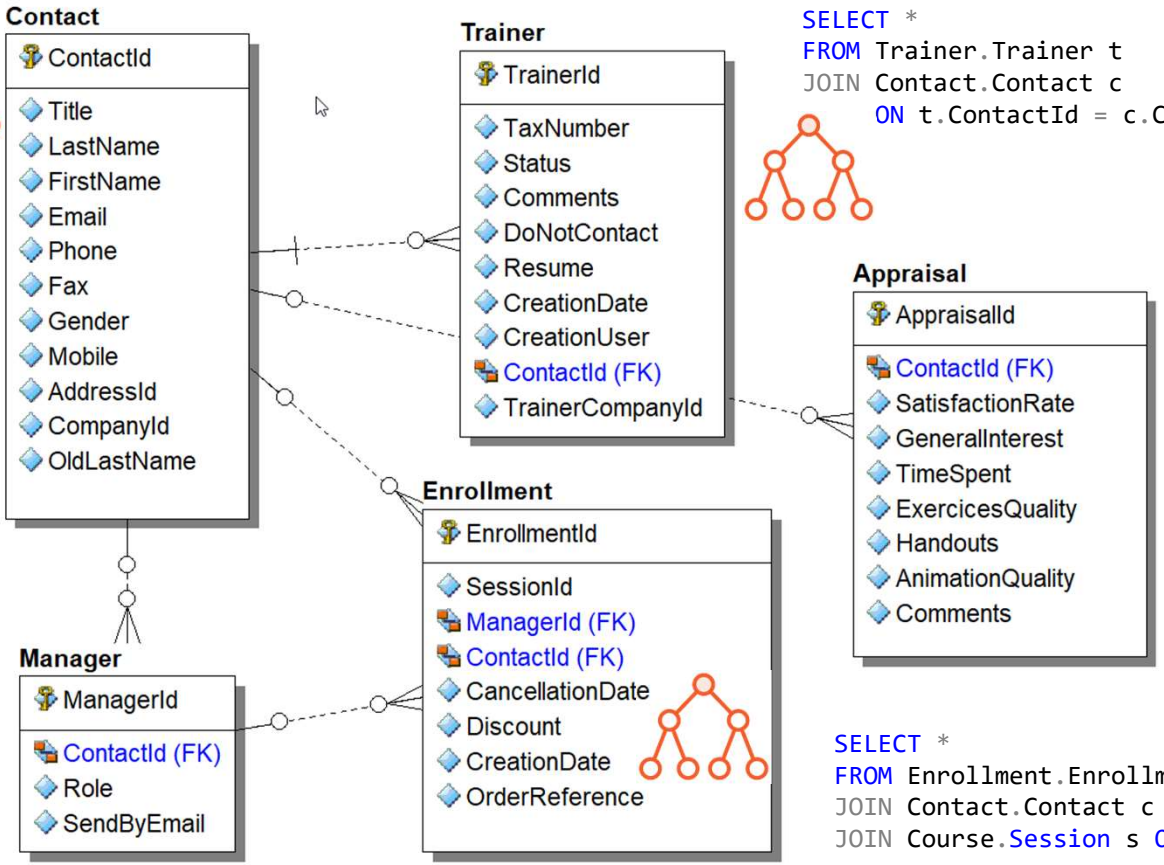
NoSQL really means NoRelational

Different data models

Martin Fowler

The Pachadata Model

```sql
SELECT c.ContactId
  ,c.Title
  ,c.LastName
  ,c.FirstName
  ,c.Email
  ,a.Address1
  ,c1.Name AS City
FROM Contact.Contact c
JOIN Contact.Address a
ON c.AddressId = a.AddressId
JOIN Reference.City c1
ON a.CityId = c1.CityId
```




```sql
SELECT *
FROM Trainer.Trainer t
JOIN Contact.Contact c
    ON t.ContactId = c.ContactId
```



```sql
SELECT *
FROM Enrollment.Enrollment e
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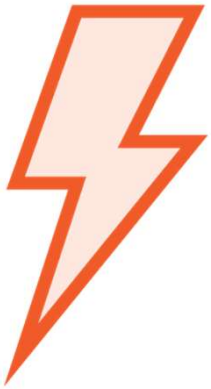
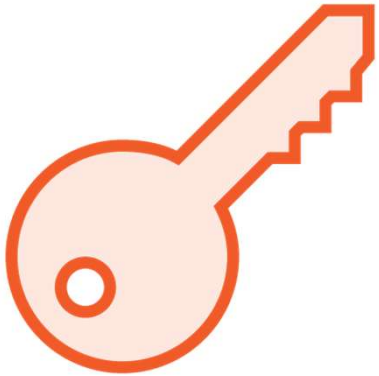
JOIN Course.Session s ON e.SessionId = s.SessionId
```

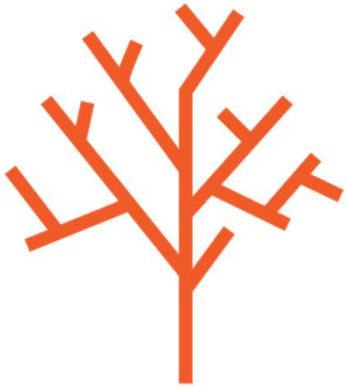
NoSQL Data Model



Faster and Simpler
Handle the load

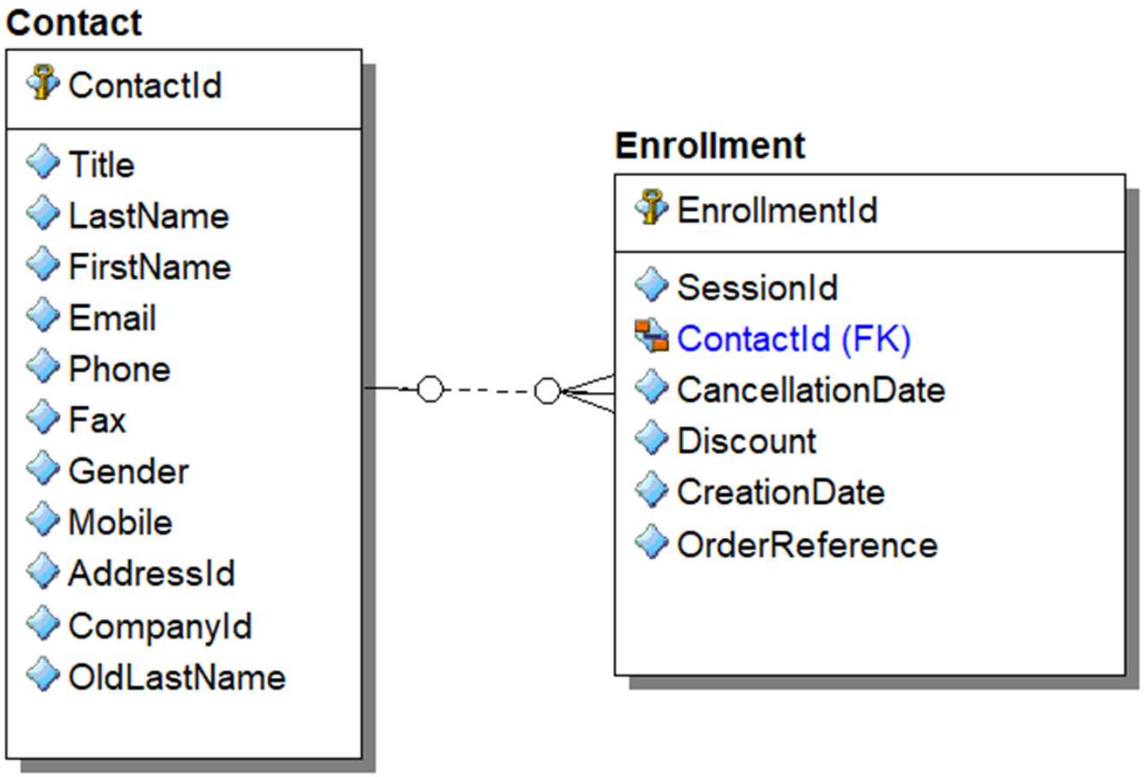


Key-value store
Great performances



No constraint
Focus on the data

Relational Tables



A Document Database


```
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    "Title":"Mr.",
    "LastName":"Dauriac",
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    "Email":"a.gauthier@cookingschool.com",
    "Phone":"+625166031",
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    "Mobile":"+994997445",
    "Address": {
        "Address1":"Common Street 33",
        "CityName":"San Gommery",
        "ZipCode":"56920"
    },
    "Enrollments": [
        {
            "SessionDate": "2018-07-05",
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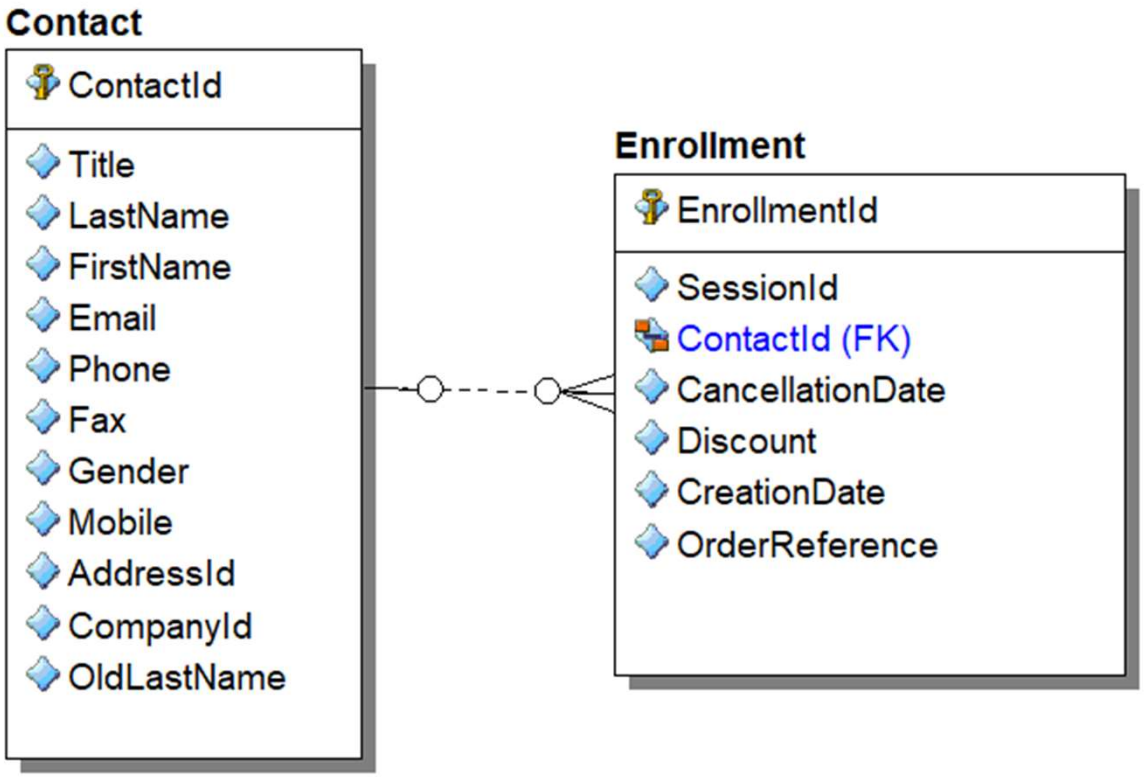

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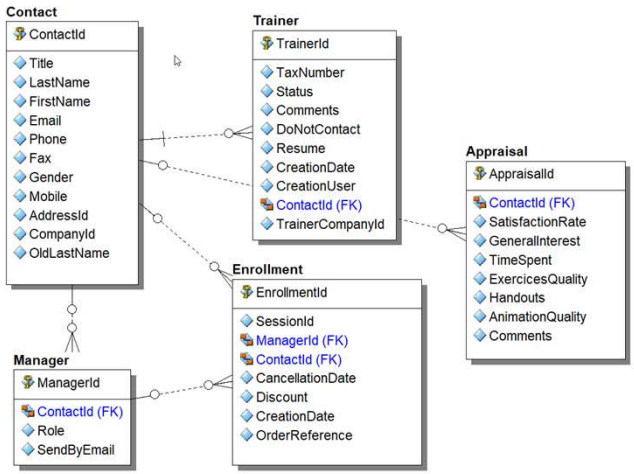

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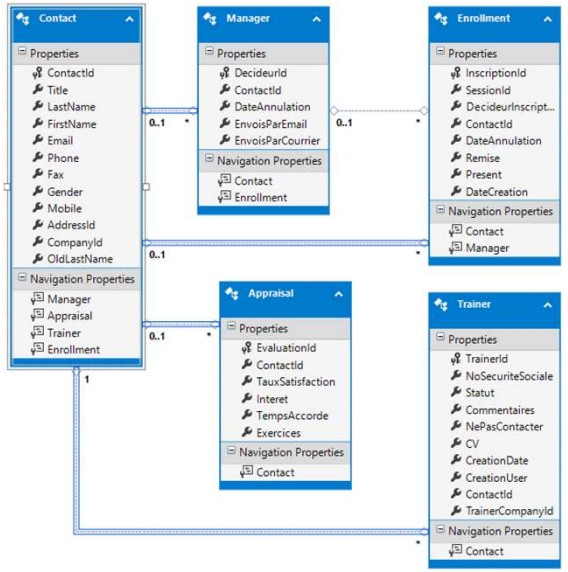

Joins as Hierarchy

```
SELECT c.Title
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  ,s.LanguageCd
  ,s.RoomId
  ,s.StartDate
FROM Contact.Contact c
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     ON c.ContactId = e.ContactId
JOIN Course.Session s
     ON e.SessionId = s.SessionId
WHERE c.ContactId = 8608
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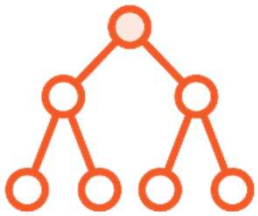
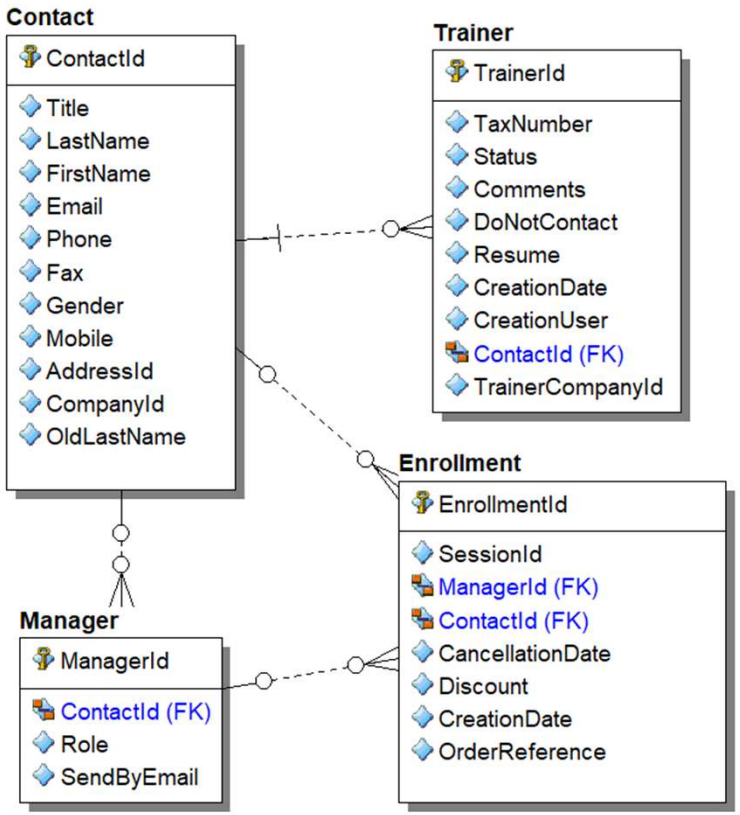




Domain Driven Design Aggregates

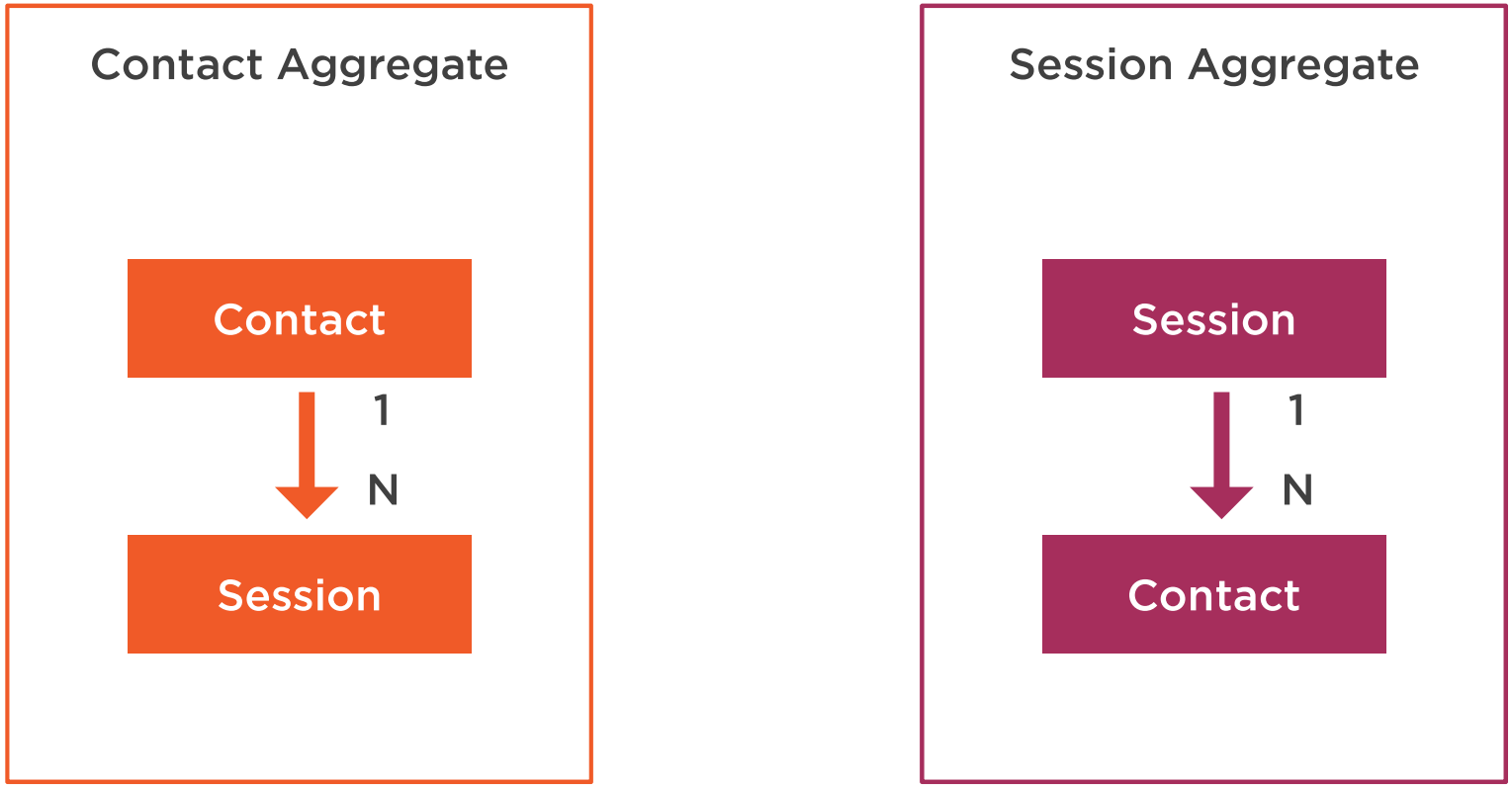
Reduce the complexity of a data model

Object hierarchy

Bounded context for the client application

Aggregate root

Pachadata Aggregates



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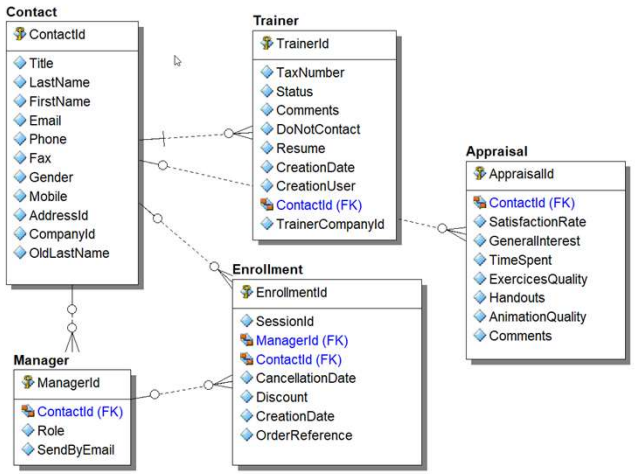
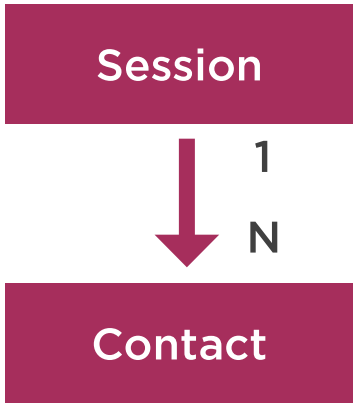



```
SELECT
FROM
JOIN
```

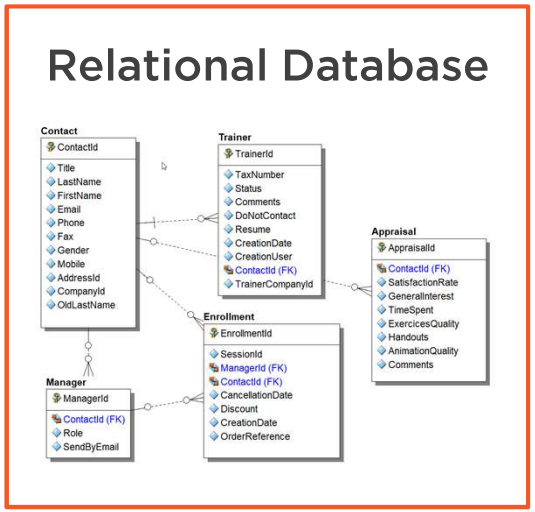
Session Aggregate



Relational Databases as Integration Stores

Contact Management

Session Management



Trainer Management

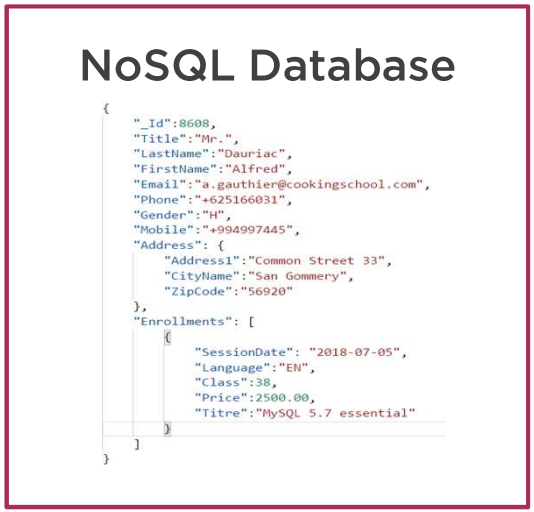
Enrollment Management

NoSQL Databases as Aggregates

Contact Management

Session Management

NoSQL Database



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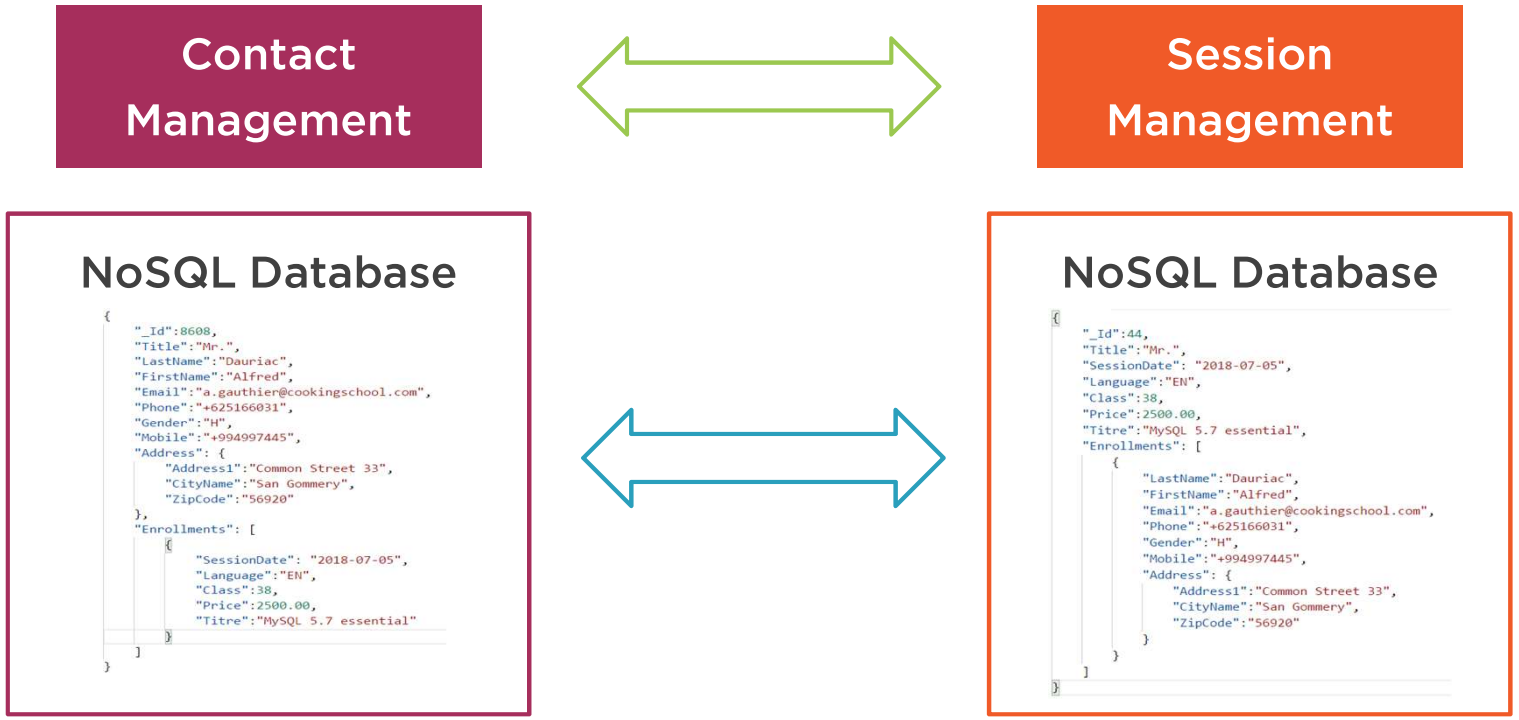

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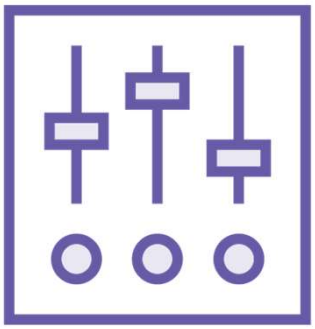
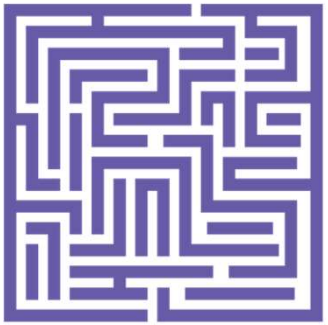


Flexibility
With different databases



Complexity
More services, more components

Problems
Get used to it

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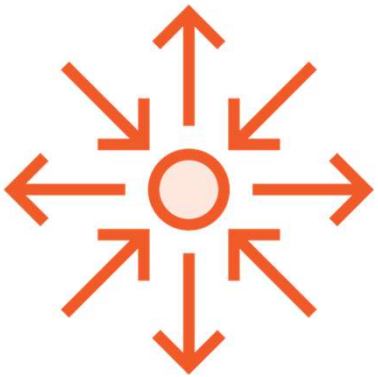
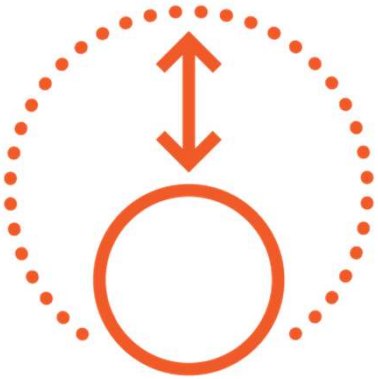


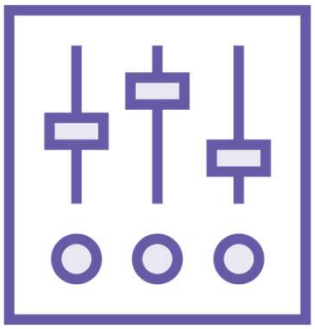
Aggregates
You loose centrality



Scalability
Do you really need it?

Ease of use
Is it a valid argument?

Relational Databases Are Too Rigid



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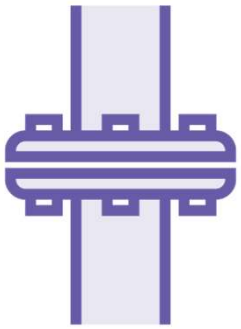
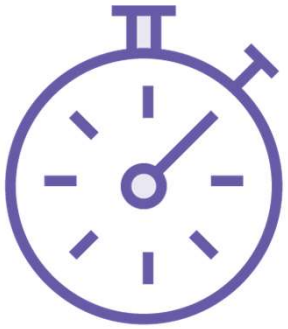
With schemaless databases



With strong coupling?
All tiers need to change



Schema-later
There is always a schema

The Contact Document


```
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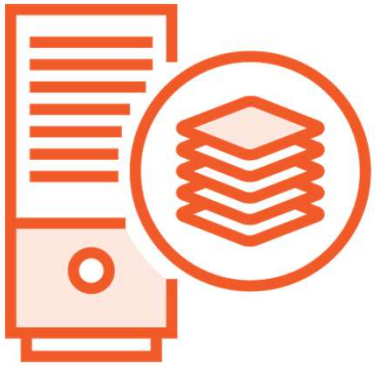
The Contact Document

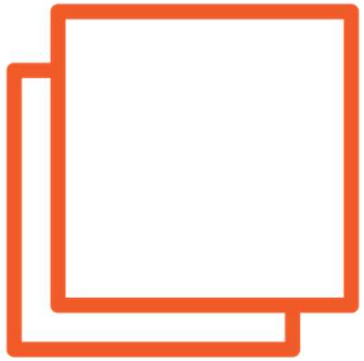
```
var client = new MongoClient("mongodb://192.168.1.15:27017");
var database = client.GetDatabase("pachadata");
var collection = database.GetCollection<BsonDocument>("contacts");
var document = collection.Find(new BsonDocument()).FirstOrDefault();
BsonString gender;
if (!document.TryGetElement("Gender", out gender))
{
    // ...
}
```

What Do We Need?

No coupling
Tiers should not be too dependent



Database is a service
Decoupling database from client code



Abstraction layer
Between the database and the client code

Using Views

```
CREATE VIEW Contact.ContactAggregate
AS
  SELECT c.Title, c.LastName,
         c.FirstName,c.Email,
         s.CourseId, s.LanguageCd,
         s.RoomId, s.StartDate
  FROM Contact.Contact c
  LEFT JOIN Enrollment.Enrollment e
    ON c.ContactId = e.ContactId
  LEFT JOIN Course.Session s
    ON e.SessionId = s.SessionId;
```

```
CREATE VIEW Course.SessionAggregate
AS
  SELECT s.SessionId, s.CourseId,
         s.LanguageCd, s.RoomId,
         s.StartDate, c.Title,
         c.LastName, c.FirstName,
         c.Email
  FROM Course.Session s
  LEFT JOIN Enrollment.Enrollment e
    ON e.SessionId = s.SessionId
  LEFT JOIN  Contact.Contact c
    ON c.ContactId = e.ContactId;
```

“All views that are theoretically updatable are also updatable by the system”

Edgar Codd

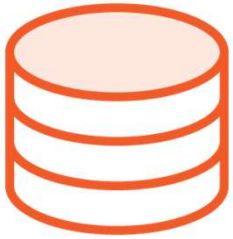
Rule 6 – The *view updating rule*

Conclusion

Should we always follow trends?

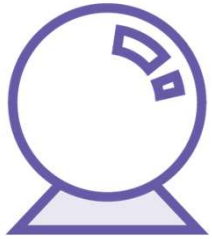
Choose wisely

NoSQL movement



We keep SQL Server for now

Choice polyglot storage



Predictable performances?

Colors