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Intermediate databases and SQL

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Overview □ Questions that we will cover today*

- Review of Intro to SQL materials (quickly!)
- How do I model a many-to-many relationship?
- What is database normalization?
  - First normal form
  - Second normal form
  - Third normal form
- ER Diagrams
- Multi-table joins in SQL
- Aggregate results in SQL
- Virtual columns in SQL

What we covered in the First Workshop

Overview Questions that we covered in the intro workshop

- What is a relational database?
- What is a relational database management system?
- How do I model a basic database?
- What are tables and keys?
- What are primary, surrogate, and foreign keys?
- What is SQL?
- How do I write SQL to query data in a database?
- How do I write SQL to query data from multiple tables?
- How do I write SQL to add and update data in a database?

What is a Relational Database?

- “A database based on the relational model of data, as proposed by E.F. Codd in 1970.” —Wikipedia

- “A relational database organizes data into one or more data tables in which data may be related to each other; these relations help structure the data.” — Also Wikipedia

What is SQL?

- SQL = “Structured Query Language”
- The primary way for querying relational databases

RDBMS □ Relational Database Management System

Servers:

- $$ - Microsoft SQL Server
- $$ - Microsoft Access
- $$ - Oracle Database
- Free - MySQL and MariaDB
- Free - Postgres
- Free - DuckDB
- *Many more...*

Clients:

- $$ - Microsoft Access
- $$ - JetBrains DataGrip
- Free - HeidiSQL (Windows/Linux)
- Free - Sequel Pro (Mac)
- Free - Terminal access
- Free - Programming libraries
- *Many more...*

Let’s build a relational database!

XYZ Restaurant

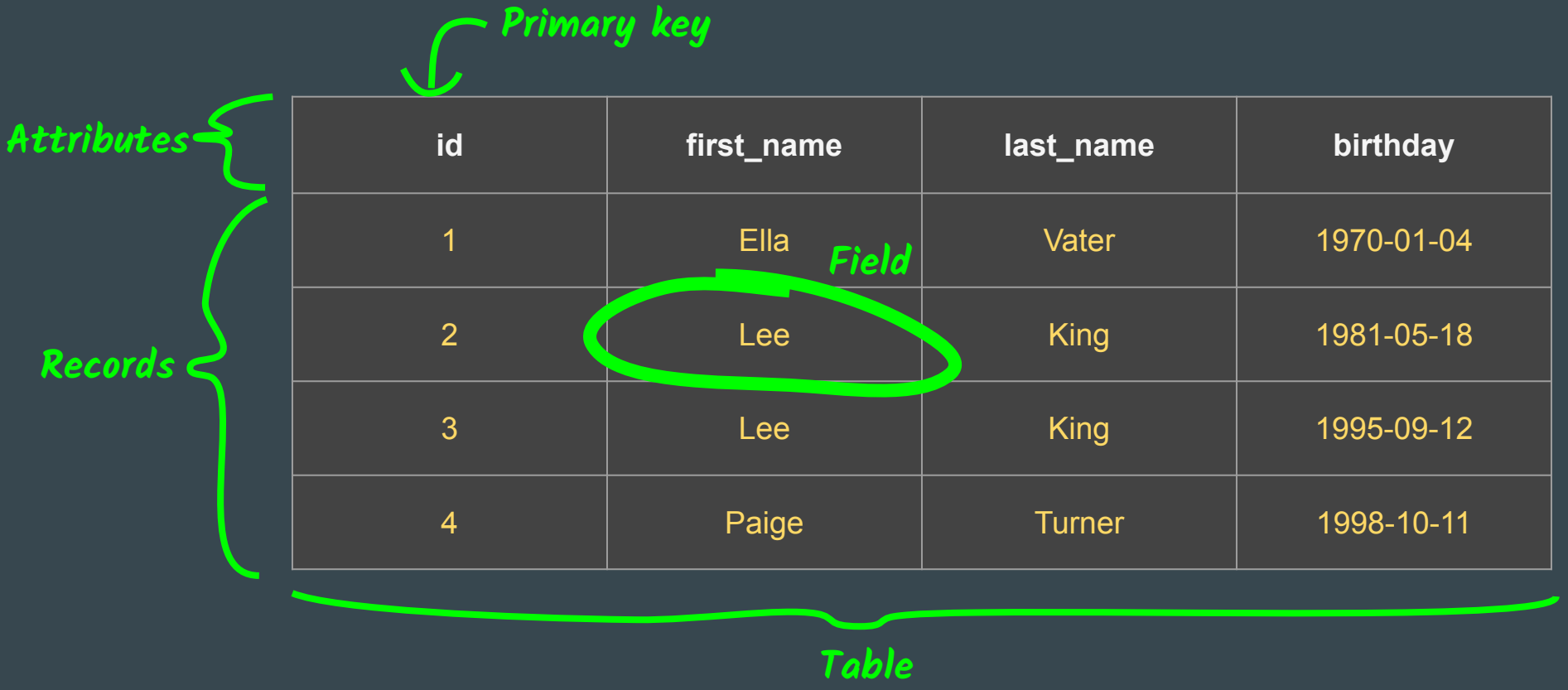
“XYZ Restaurant has a need to track customers’ names, email addresses, birthdays, and favorite dishes.”

Spreadsheet vs. Relational Data Terminology

Spreadsheet	Relational Database
Workbook	**Schema**
Worksheet	**Table**
Row	**Record** or **Tuple**
Column	**Attribute**
Cell	**Field**

Surrogate/synthetic keys should be arbitrary values

Relational Data Terminology Review



id	first_name	last_name	birthday
1	Ella	Vater	1970-01-04
2	Lee	King	1981-05-18
3	Lee	King	1995-09-12
4	Paige	Turner	1998-10-11

Normalization

the process of organizing the columns (attributes) and tables of a relational database to minimize data redundancy and improve data integrity

Relationships Review

Foreign key

customers

id	first_name	last_name	birthday	favorite_dish_id
1	Ella	Vater	1970-01-04	2
2	Lee	King	1981-05-18	1
3	Lee	King	1995-09-12	3
4	Paige	Turner	1998-10-11	3

dishes

id	dish_name	price
1	pizza	10.00
2	chicken	5.00
3	fish	7.50

Common RDMS Data Types (non-comprehensive list)

Type	Description
char	Fixed-length string of characters (e.g., “abc”)
varchar	Variable-length string of characters (e.g. “lorum ipsum”)
text	Long string of characters (difficult to index)
int	A whole number (positive or negative) (e.g., -235, 100)
float	A number with a decimal (e.g., -240.24, 93.12)
datetime	A point in time (e.g., 2025-01-05 09:03:23)
tinyint	Either a one or a zero; typically used for true/false values

XYZ Restaurant

“XYZ Restaurant has a need to track customers’ names, email addresses, birthdays, and favorite dishes.”

“XYZ Restaurant also hosts events, and would like to keep track of names, date/times, and contacts for events.”

Relationships Review

Entity Relation (ER) Diagram

schema

customers

id	first_name	last_name	favorite_dish_id
1	Ella	Vater	2
2	Lee	King	1
3	Lee	King	3
4	Paige	Turner	3

one

many

events

id	event_name	date	organizer_customer_id
1	Party Time!	2024-10-11	3
2	Graduation Reception	2024-11-03	2
3	Office Retreat	2024-09-01	2

many

one

dishes

id	dish_name	price
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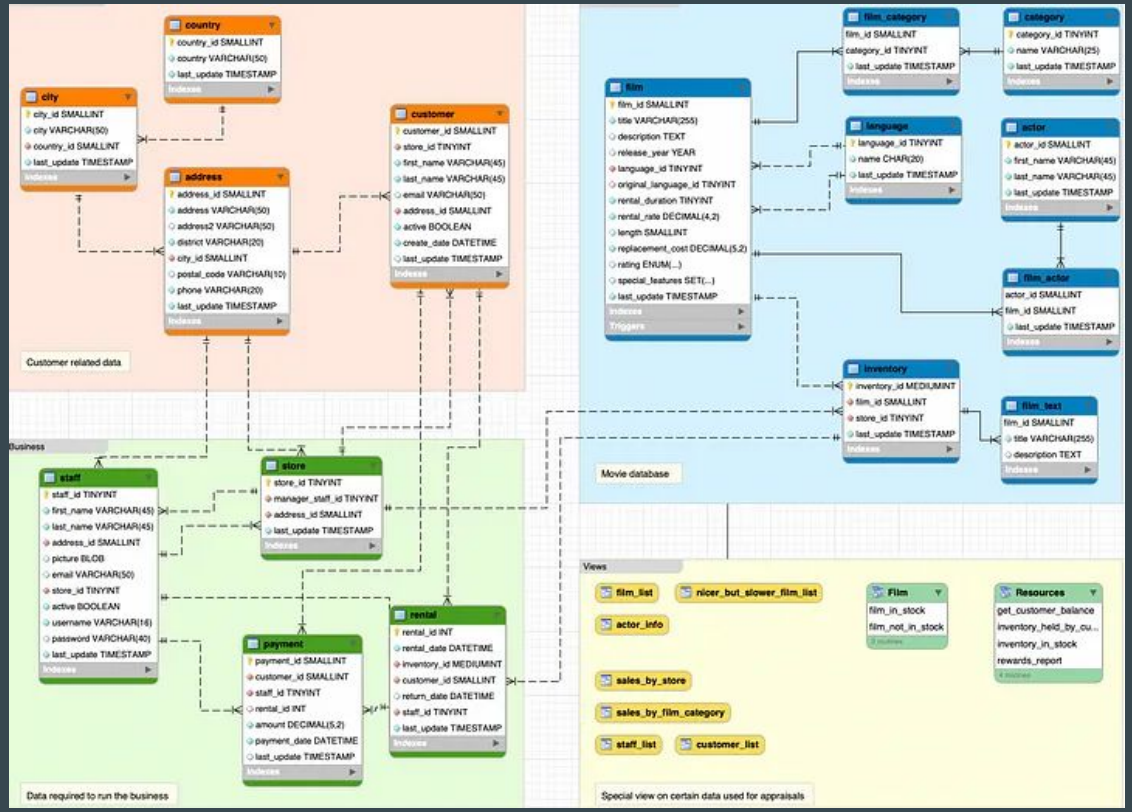
3	fish	7.50

Example Entity Relation Diagram



Let’s write some SQL!

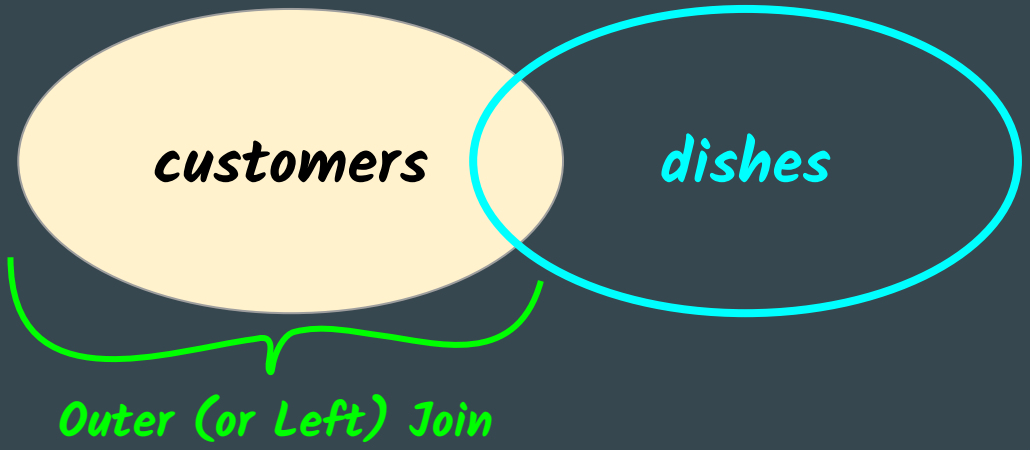
SQL Query Syntax Review


```
SELECT first_name, last_name FROM customers WHERE state = 'FL';
```

- Keyword
- Attributes
- Table
- Operator
- Literal

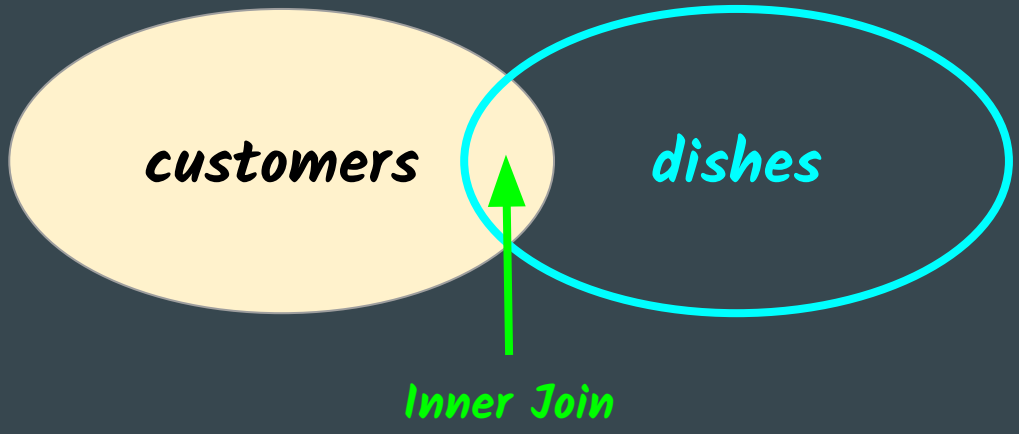
Outer/Left Joins

```
SELECT first_name, last_name

FROM customers LEFT JOIN dishes

ON customers.favorite_dish_id = dishes.id;
```



Inner Joins

```
SELECT first_name, last_name

FROM customers c INNER JOIN dishes d ON c.favorite_dish_id = d.id;
```



Aggregate Functions

```sql
SELECT COUNT(id) FROM customers;
```

```sql
SELECT SUM(price) AS total FROM dishes;
```

```sql
SELECT CONCAT(first_name, ' ', last_name) AS full_name
FROM customers;
```

Modifying Data: Adding a record

```
INSERT INTO customers (first_name, last_name, email)
VALUES ('Bob', 'Jones', 'bjones@example.org');
```

Modifying Data: Updating a record

```
UPDATE customers SET first_name = 'Robert'
WHERE first_name = 'Bob' AND last_name = 'Jones';
```

```
UPDATE customers SET first_name = 'Robert' WHERE id = 26;
```

Modifying Data: Deleting a record

```
DELETE FROM customers WHERE id = 26;
```

Moving on...

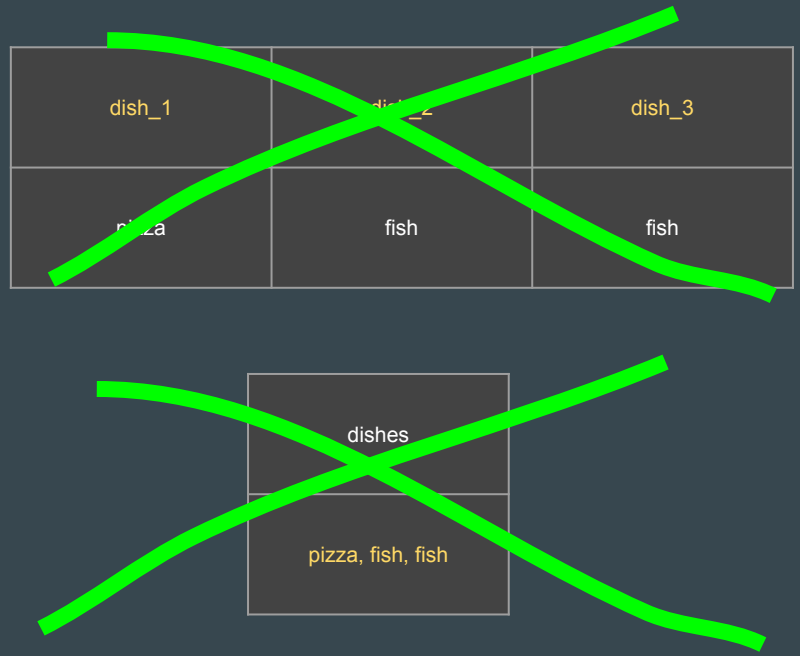
What fields in the *orders* table?

- “XYZ Restaurant has a need to track customers’ names, email addresses, birthdays, and favorite dishes.”
- “XYZ Restaurant also hosts events, and would like to keep track of names, date/times, and contacts for events.”
- “XYZ Restaurant needs to track orders. Orders can include multiple dishes.”

What fields in the *orders* table?

- id
- customer_id
- datetime
- dishes

There can be many dishes in one order



What fields in the *orders* table?

- Orders can have multiple (or “many”) dishes
- Dishes are part of multiple (or “many”) orders

This is a **many-to-many** relationship.

Many-to-Many Relationships

orders

id	datetime	customer_id
1	2025-02-01 13:05:21	40
2	2025-02-01 13:07:19	15
3	2025-02-01 13:10:02	32

dishes

id	dish_name	price
1	pizza	10.00
2	chicken	5.00
3	fish	7.50

one — *many* — *orders_dishes* — *many* — *one*

orders_id	dishes_id
1	3
1	1
2	2

Let’s talk about normalization

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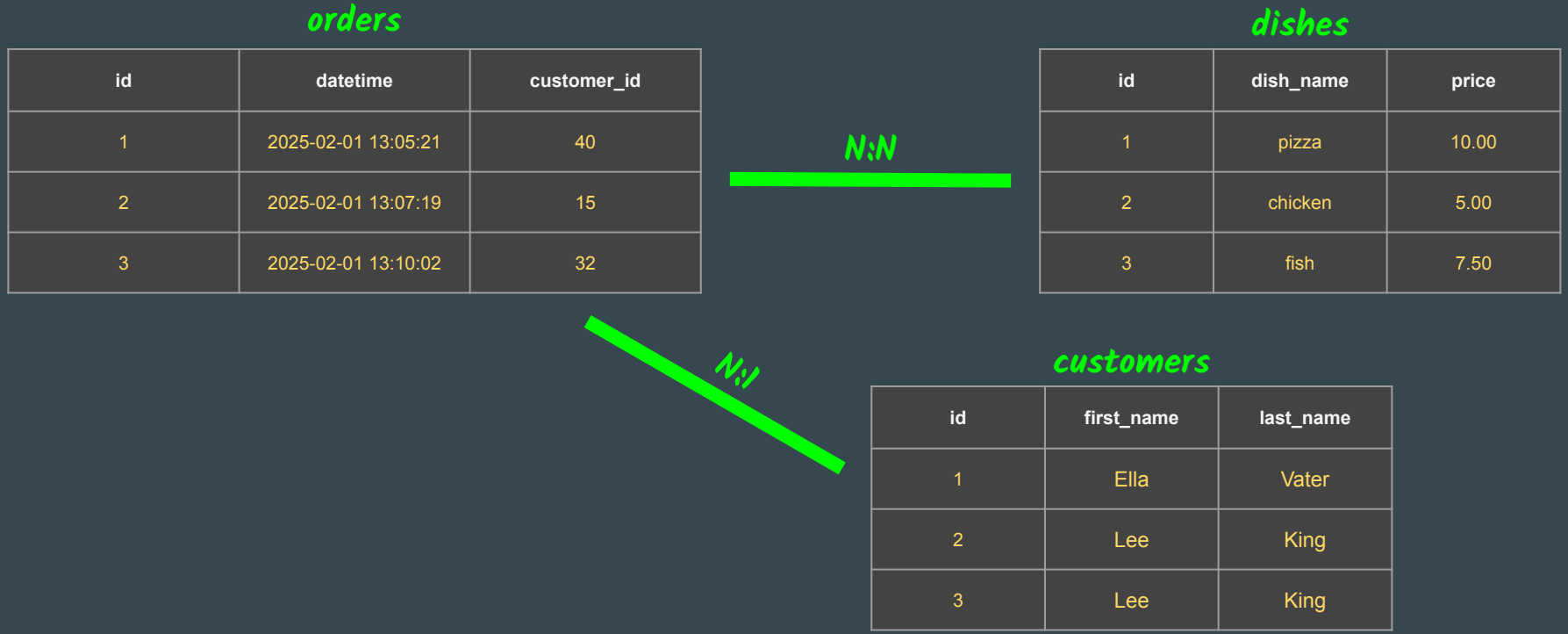
- Normalization is a systematic process of organizing data in a relational database to reduce data redundancy and improve data integrity.

- It involves decomposing tables into smaller, well-structured tables and defining relationships between them according to specific rules.

- We are going to discuss three levels today: **first, second, and third normal forms** .

Many-to-Many Relationships ER diagram representation



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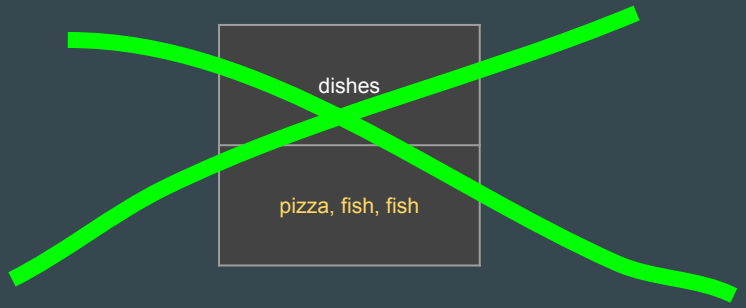
First Normal Form (1NF)

- Values in each cell should be atomic and tables should have no repeating groups.
- Row order should not matter.



1NF Violations and Fixes

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dishes

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3	fish	7.50

dishes_in_orders

id	orders_id	dishes_id
1	1	3
2	1	3
3	2	2

1:N

N:1

Many-to-Many Relationships

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dishes

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1	pizza	10.00
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3	fish	7.50

one

many

dishes_in_orders

many

one

orders_id	dishes_id	prep_preference
1	3	*(null)*
1	3	well done
2	2	no sauce

Let’s talk about normalization

First Normal Form (1NF) “Smells”

- Columns with multiple values
- Join tables without primary keys

Let’s talk about normalization

Second Normal Form (2NF)

- No value in a table should depend on only part of a key that can be used to uniquely identify a row.

Let’s talk about normalization

Second Normal Form (2NF)

events

id	event_name	date	customers_id	location
1	Party Time!	2024-10-11	3	Main Dining Room Level 1
2	Graduation Reception	2024-11-03	2	Main Dining Room Level 2
3	Office Retreat	2024-09-01	2	Terrace
4	Office Retreat	2024-10-01	2	Terrace
5	Office Retreat	2024-11-01	2	Main Dining Room Level 1
6	Graduation Reception	2024-11-01	7	Terrace

Let's talk about normalization

Second Normal Form (2NF)

events

id	event_name	date	customer_id	location_id
1	Party Time!	2024-10-11	3	1
2	Graduation Reception	2024-11-03	2	2
3	Office Retreat	2024-09-01	2	3
4	Office Retreat	2024-10-01	2	3
5	Office Retreat	2024-11-01	2	2
6	Graduation Reception	2024-11-01	7	3

event_locations

id	name	price
1	Main Dining Room Level 1	200
2	Main Dining Room Level 2	250
3	Terrace	400

Let’s talk about normalization

Second Normal Form (2NF) “Smells”

- Lots of repeating data in tables

Let’s talk about normalization

Third Normal Form (3NF)

- Values should not be stored if they can be calculated from another non-key field.

3rd Normal Form

- “XYZ Restaurant has a need to track customers’ names, email addresses, birthdays, and favorite dishes.”
- “XYZ Restaurant also hosts events, and would like to keep track of names, date/times, and contacts for events.”
- “XYZ Restaurant needs to track orders. Orders can include multiple dishes.”
- “XYZ Restaurant offers a senior discount of 50% off normal menu prices.”

3rd Normal Form

dishes

id	dish_name	price	senior_price
1	pizza	10.00	5.00
2	chicken	5.00	2.50
3	fish	7.50	3.75

Let’s talk about normalization

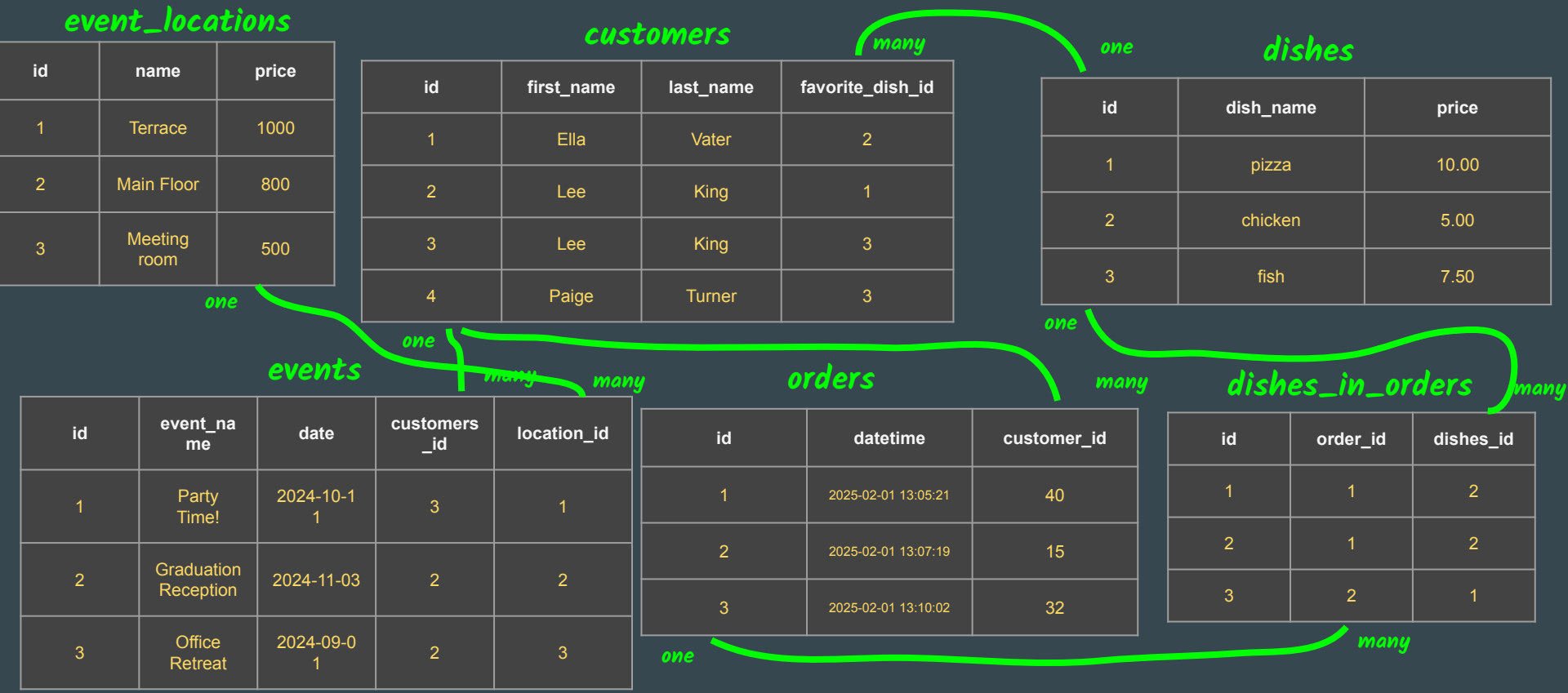
Third Normal Form (3NF) “Smells”

- Attributes that show the same information, but in different form (e.g., discounts)

More normal forms?!

- Third normal form (3NF) is usually where the schema is considered “good enough”
- 4NF - 6NF are out of scope for this workshop, but feel free to look them up.

Updated Schema in Entity-Relation (ER) Diagram



Let’s explore some
Entity Relation diagram styles

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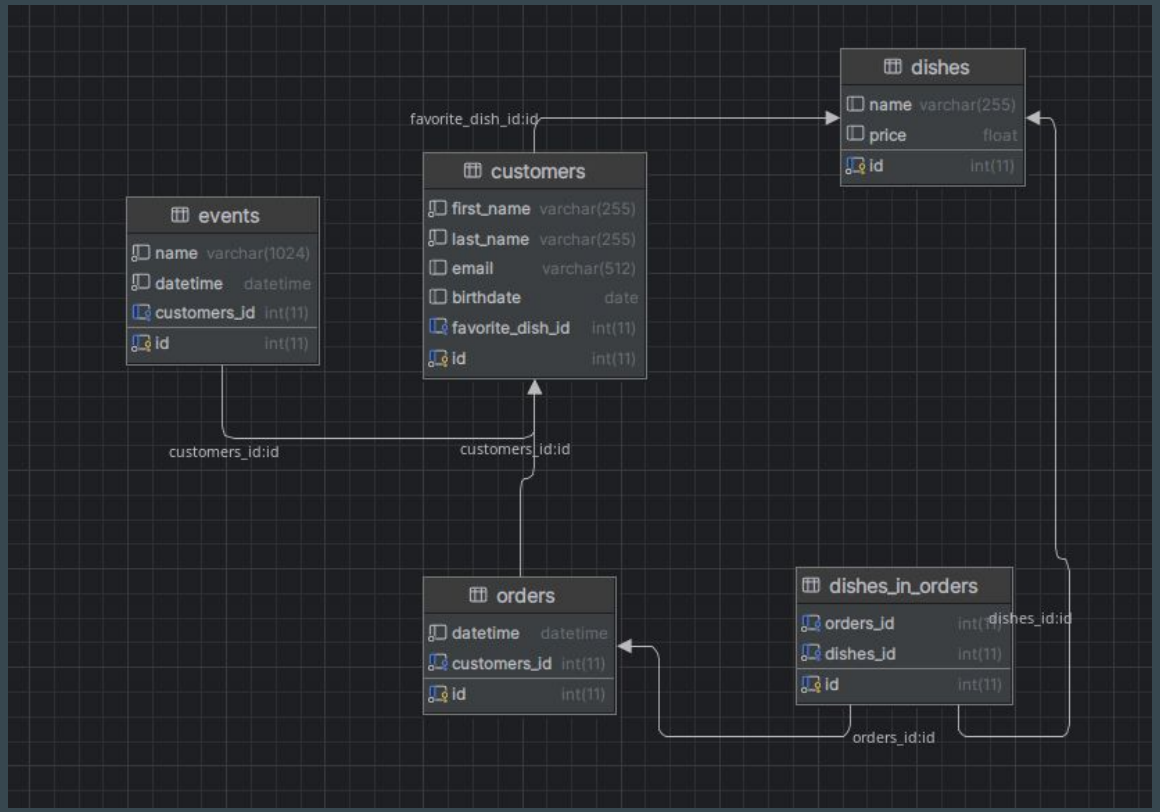

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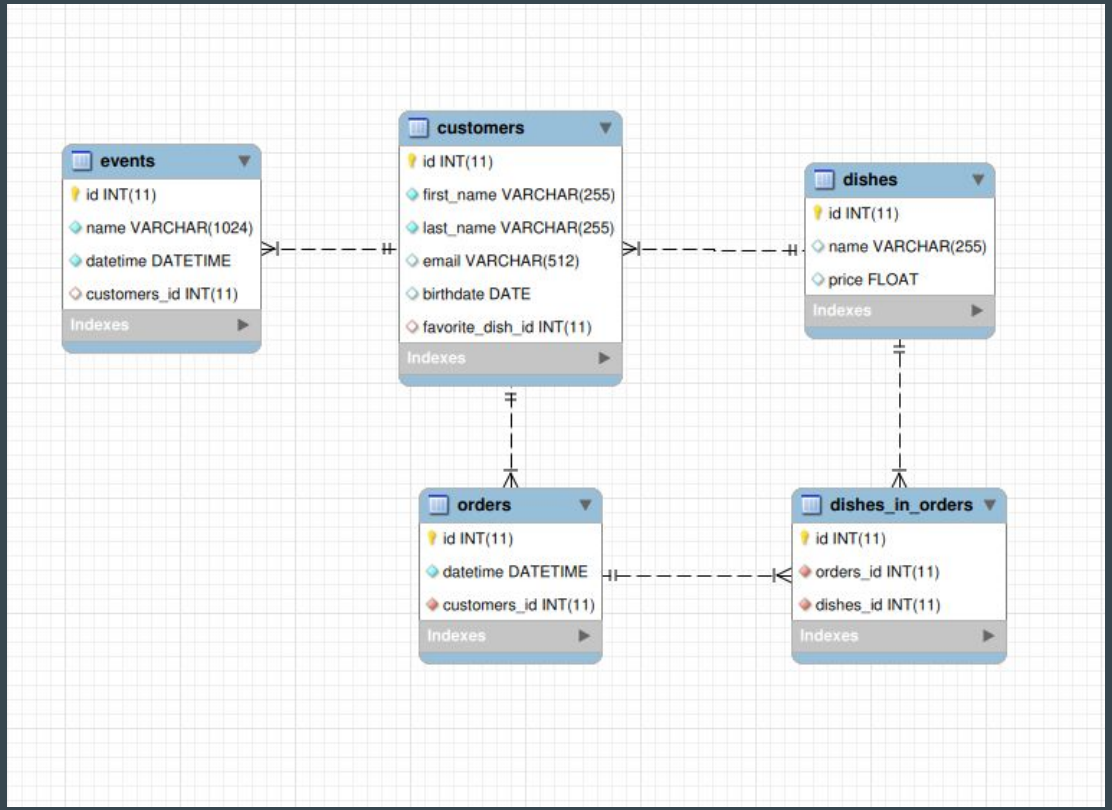

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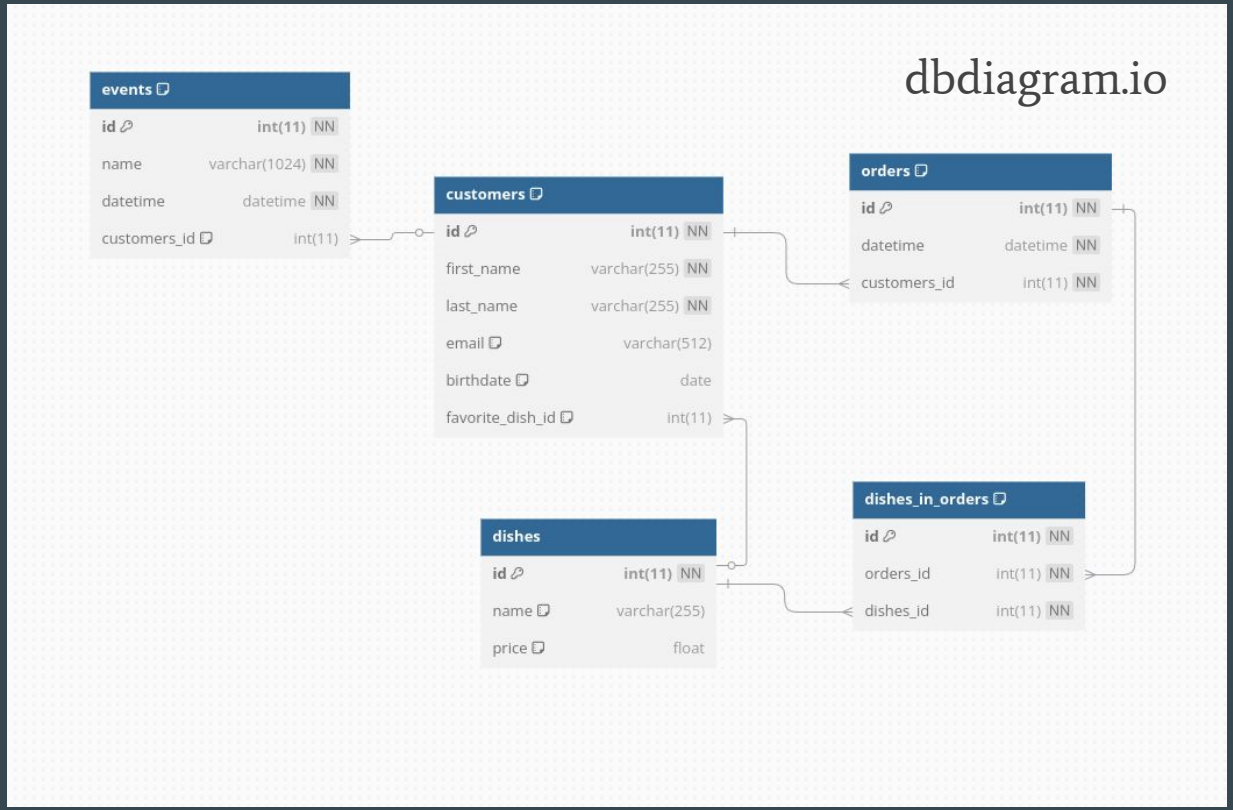
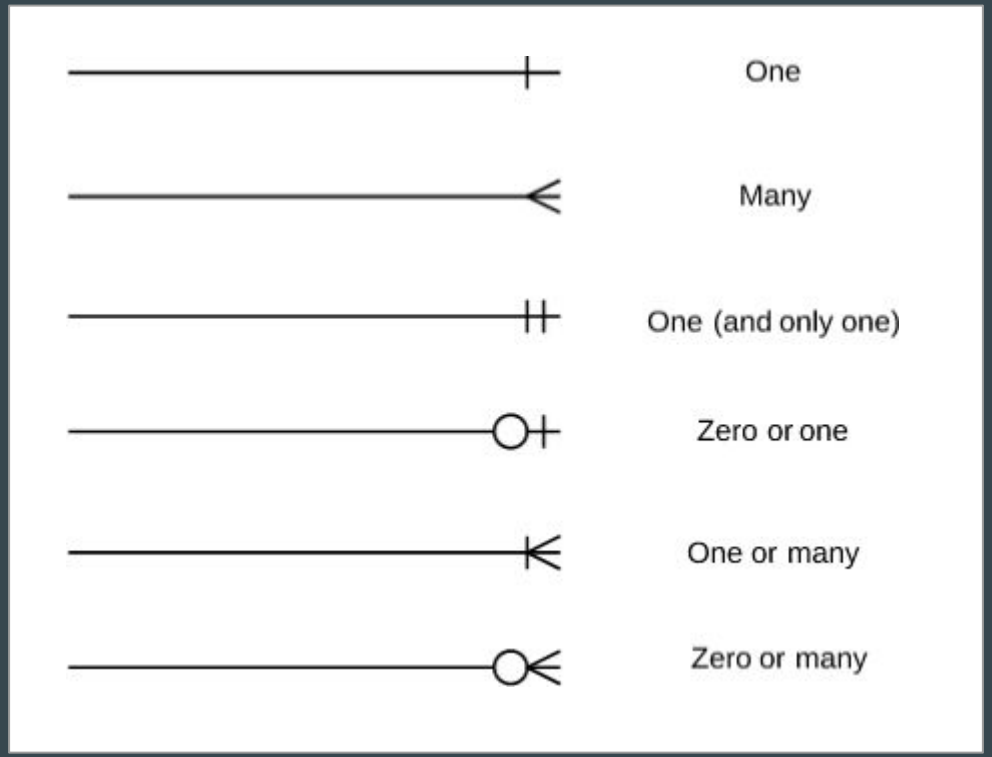


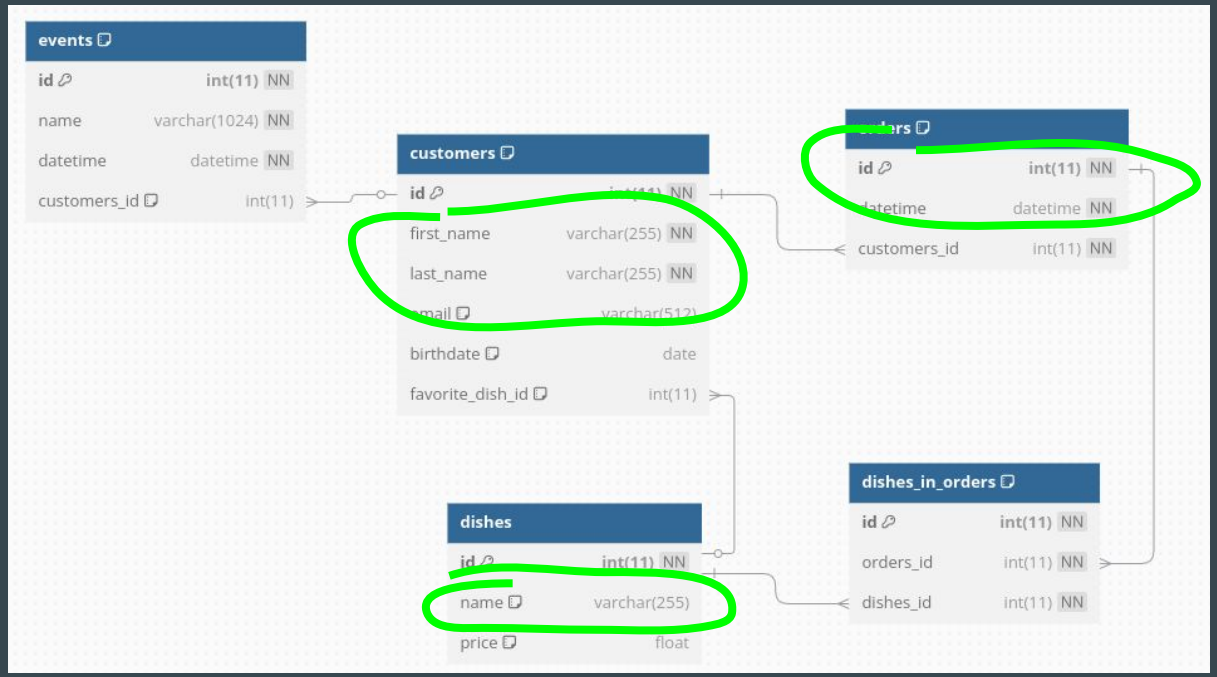
Standard Entity Relation (ER) Diagram Syntax



Let’s write some SQL (again)!

Multi-table JOIN query

- “I want to see customer names, order IDs, and dishes that were ordered since January 1, 2025”



Multi-table JOIN query

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```
SELECT id, first_name, last_name
FROM customers;
```

Multi-table JOIN query

- “I want to see customer names, order IDs, and dishes that were ordered since January 1, 2025”

```
SELECT id, first_name, last_name
FROM customers JOIN orders ON customers.id = orders.customers_id
```

```
Column 'id' in field list is ambiguous
```

Multi-table JOIN query

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```
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```
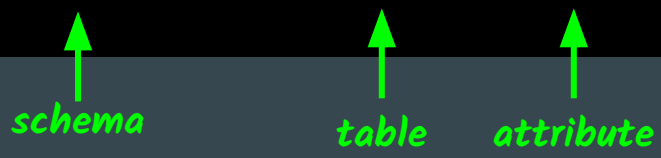

```
restaurant_db.customers.id
```



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```
SELECT customers.first_name, customers.last_name, orders.id

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```

first_name	last_name	orders.id
Amy	Stake	1
Chris P	Bacon	3
Chris P	Bacon	6
Paige	Turner	2
Hai Howie	Yue	4
Chip	Monk	5

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customers

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1:N

orders

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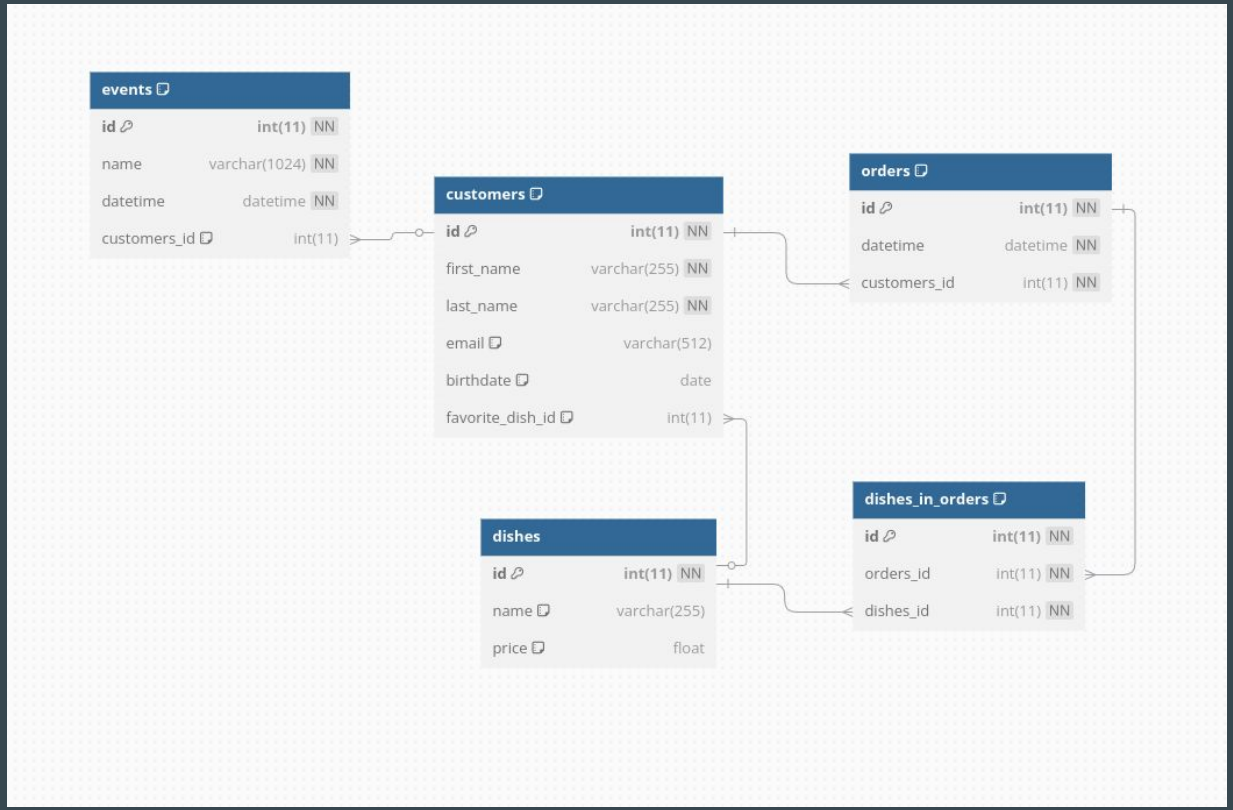

Multi-table JOIN query

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```sql
SELECT customers.first_name, customers.last_name, orders.id, dishes_in_orders.dishes_id
FROM customers
    JOIN orders ON customers.id = orders.customers_id
    JOIN dishes_in_orders ON orders.id = dishes_in_orders.orders_id
```

customers

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1:N

orders

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1:N

dishes_in_orders

id	order_id	dish_id
1	1	2
2	1	3

Multi-table JOIN query

- “I want to see customer names, order IDs, and dishes that were ordered since January 1, 2025”

```
SELECT customers.first_name, customers.last_name, orders.id, dishes_in_orders.dishes_id, dishes.name
FROM customers
    JOIN orders ON customers.id = orders.customers_id
    JOIN dishes_in_orders ON orders.id = dishes_in_orders.orders_id
    JOIN dishes ON dishes_in_orders.dishes_id = dishes.id
```

Multi-table JOIN query

- “I want to see customer names, order IDs, and dishes that were ordered since January 1, 2025”

```
SELECT c.first_name, c.last_name, o.id, do.dishes_id, d.name
FROM customers c
    JOIN orders o ON c.id = o.customers_id
    JOIN dishes_in_orders do ON o.id = do.orders_id
    JOIN dishes d ON do.dishes_id = d.id
```

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```
SELECT c.first_name, c.last_name, o.id AS order_id, d.name
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    JOIN orders o ON c.id = o.customers_id
    JOIN dishes_in_orders do ON o.id = do.orders_id
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FROM customers c
    JOIN orders o ON c.id = o.customers_id
    JOIN dishes_in_orders do ON o.id = do.orders_id
    JOIN dishes d ON do.dishes_id = d.id
WHERE o.datetime >= '2025-01-01 00:00:00'
```

Multi-table JOIN query

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SELECT o.id AS order_id, o.datetime, c.first_name, c.last_name, d.name
FROM customers c
    JOIN orders o ON c.id = o.customers_id
    JOIN dishes_in_orders do ON o.id = do.orders_id
    JOIN dishes d ON do.dishes_id = d.id
WHERE (o.datetime >= '2025-01-01 00:00:00') AND (c.last_name = 'Bacon' OR etc...)
```

Aggregate values multi-table JOIN query

- “I want to see the full bill for Order #2”

```
SELECT c.first_name, c.last_name, d.name, d.price
FROM customers c
    JOIN orders o ON c.id = o.customers_id
    JOIN dishes_in_orders do ON o.id = do.orders_id
    JOIN dishes d ON do.dishes_id = d.id
WHERE o.id = 2
```

Aggregate values multi-table JOIN query

- “I want to see the full bill for Order #2”

```
SELECT c.first_name, c.last_name, d.name, d.price, SUM(d.price) AS `total_price`
FROM customers c
    JOIN orders o ON c.id = o.customers_id
    JOIN dishes_in_orders do ON o.id = do.orders_id
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    JOIN dishes d ON do.dishes_id = d.id
WHERE o.id = 2
```

Aggregate values multi-table JOIN query

- “I want to see the full bill for Order #2”

```
SELECT
    CONCAT(c.first_name, ' ', c.last_name) AS `customer`,
    o.id AS `order_id`,
    SUM(d.price) AS `total_price`
FROM customers c
    JOIN orders o ON c.id = o.customers_id
    JOIN dishes_in_orders do ON o.id = do.orders_id
    JOIN dishes d ON do.dishes_id = d.id
WHERE o.id = 2
```

Aggregate values multi-table JOIN query

- “I want to see the full bill for all orders”

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```
SELECT
    CONCAT(c.first_name, ' ', c.last_name) AS `customer`,
    o.id AS `order_id`,
    c.email AS `customer_email`,
    SUM(d.price) AS `total_price`
FROM customers c
    JOIN orders o ON c.id = o.customers_id
    JOIN dishes_in_orders do ON o.id = do.orders_id
    JOIN dishes d ON do.dishes_id = d.id
~~WHERE o.id = 2~~
```

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    JOIN dishes d ON do.dishes_id = d.id
GROUP BY o.id
```

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    o.id AS `order_id`,
    o.datetime AS `order_datetime`,
    SUM(d.price) AS `total_price`
FROM customers c
    JOIN orders o ON c.id = o.customers_id
    JOIN dishes_in_orders do ON o.id = do.orders_id
    JOIN dishes d ON do.dishes_id = d.id
GROUP BY o.id, o.datetime
ORDER BY o.datetime ASC
```

Virtual columns in queries

- “XYZ Restaurant offers a senior discount of 50% off normal menu prices.”
- AARP: Senior = “55”
- Casey: Senior = “65”

dishes

id	dish_name	price	senior_price
1	pizza	10.00	5.00
2	chicken	5.00	2.50
3	fish	7.50	3.75

Virtual columns in queries

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```
SELECT
    CONCAT(c.first_name, ' ', c.last_name) AS `customer`,
    o.id AS `order_id`,
    c.birthdate,
    SUM(d.price) AS `total_price`
FROM customers c
    JOIN orders o ON c.id = o.customers_id
    JOIN dishes_in_orders do ON o.id = do.orders_id
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Important things we didn't cover in-full today...

- Indexes
- One-to-one and recursive relationships
- Denormalization
- All data types (each RDMS differs slightly in these)
- Access control (user accounts and permissions)
- All aggregate functions
- Transactions and stored procedures
- And so much more...

How to continue your RDMS and SQL journey

- LinkedIn Learning video series
  - Programming Foundations: Databases
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