Relational Databases, Entity Relationship Modeling
CS 360 Internet Programming

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- Each database contains a collection of tables
  - Each row is a unique record
  - Each column is an attribute of the record

### Juicery Table

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Juicery ID</th>
<th>Juicery Name</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Region ID</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Moss Brothers</td>
<td>Smith Rd.</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Hardy Brothers</td>
<td>Jones St.</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Penfolds</td>
<td>Arthurton Rd.</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Lindemans</td>
<td>Smith Ave.</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Orlando</td>
<td>Jones St.</td>
<td>1</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

### Region Table

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Region ID</th>
<th>Region Name</th>
<th>State</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Barossa Valley</td>
<td>South Australia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Yarra Valley</td>
<td>Victoria</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Margaret River</td>
<td>Western Australia</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Attributes

- attributes have data types
  - Juicery and Region IDs are integers
  - Juicery Name and Address are strings

- primary key
  - one or more keys that together uniquely identify each row in a table
  - Juicery ID and Region ID in our example
form relationships between tables using identifiers
- a juicery has a particular location; could create attributes for the region name, state in the juicery table
- but there is a one-to-many mapping between regions and juiceries, so much of this information will be redundant
- use unique identifier for the region in the juicery table

may also have one-to-one and many-to-many relationships

must have unique identifiers
Three-Tier Architecture

- database server (DBMS)
  - manages a set of databases
  - supports a query language: SQL
  - accessed via a database driver

- web and database servers may run on the same machine or different machines
  - even with a single machine, can handle 10,000+ requests per hour
  - for higher loads, distribute load for both servers across a cluster of machines
Advantages of a Web Database Server

- supports multiple clients at a time
  - very few applications are written for one user
  - provides concurrency and security
- the power of the web
  - standardized and widely supported
  - any user can access the database using any OS and browser
Entity-Relationship Model

- visualizes database and its relationships
  - tables (entities): rectangles
  - attributes: ellipses
  - relationship: diamond
- primary key is underlined
- relationship is annotated with an M, showing a one-to-many relationship
Entities and Relationships

- juice store example: three main entities
  - juices
  - customer
  - order

- purchasing action creates a relationship between customer, order, and juice
  - must associate one customer with each order
  - customers can make more than one order
  - each order has one or more bottles of juice
Identifying Entities

- **entity**: objects that can be described by characteristics
  - juice: juice name, description, year
  - customer: surname, firstname, initial, address, city, state, zipcode, phone, birthdate
  - juicery: juicery name
  - region: region name
  - users: user name, password

- **order** entity: represents a purchase of some juice made by a customer
  - order: date, creditcard, expirydate, instructions, customer, juice
  - need credit card with order, rather than customer, because a different card could be used for each order
  - need some way to associate juice with orders
Designing Tables

- **customer table**
  - customer id
  - name
  - address

- **order table**
  - order id
  - customer id
  - juice id
  - quantity

- can only order one type of juice in a single order
  - solution: add “juice id2”, “juice id3”, “quantity2”, “quantity3” to the order table
  - must decide on a maximum number of juice per order
  - must decide on empty values if an order has fewer than this
Normalization

- better solution: store the items that make up an order
- **items** table
  - item id
  - price
  - quantity
  - juice id
  - order id
- when do you add a table versus or more attributes?
  - normalize the database according to a set of rules
  - [MySQL article](#)
**Types of Relationships**

- **one-to-one**
  - exactly one instance of the first entity for each instance of the second entity
  - example: customer has exactly one set of login information

- **one-to-many**
  - one or more instances of the second entity for each instance of the first entity
  - example: each juicery sells many juices, but each juice is made by exactly one juicery

- **many-to-many**
  - each entity is related to more than one instance of the other entity
  - example: a juice can be made up of many types of fruits, and each fruit can be in more than once juice
Examples

- a juicery can make many juices
- each juice is made by one juicery
- similar reasoning for the regions
Complete Example
Primary Keys

- must uniquely identify each record
  - can use a combination of keys, e.g. surname and firstname
  - must be sure it will be unique!
  - can always use an integer identifier

- for orders, use a combination of order_id and customer_id to uniquely identify the order
  - allows each customer to have an order #1
  - this makes orders a weak entity: part of primary key is the key from another entity
  - represented with a double box

- orders have a full participation relationship with customers
  - can’t have an order without a customer
  - similar reasoning for items: can’t exist without an order
  - represented with a double line