# Relational (SQL) Database Kei-Hoi Cheung, Ph.D. Professor Biomedical Informatics and Data Science



## Outline

- Introduction of relational database management system
- Relational database design/model
- Normalization
- On-Line Transaction Processing (OLTP) database system & Structured Query Language (SQL)
- Entity-Relationship Model/Diagram & Unified Modeling Language (UML)
- On-Line Analytical Processing (OLAP) database
- Data warehouse

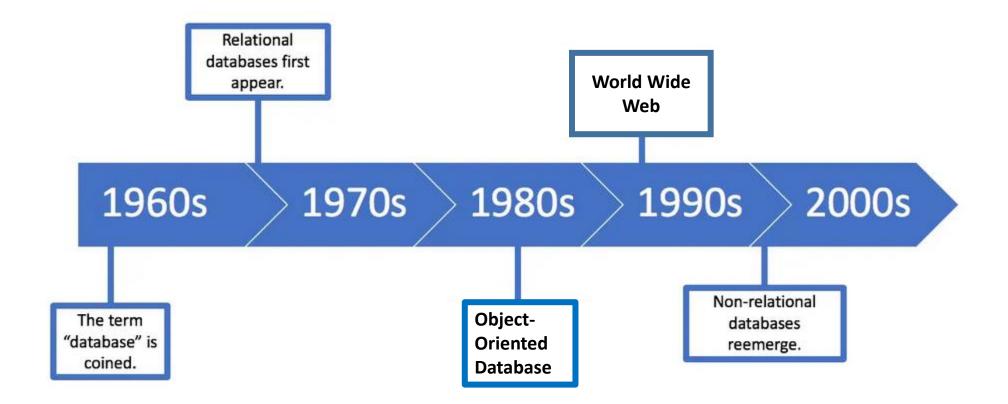
## The 4<sup>th</sup> paradigm: data-intensive scientific discovery

- It expands the vision of Jim Gray (Mr. Database)
  - "The impact of Jim Gray's thinking is continuing to get people to think in a new way about how data and software are redefining what it means to do science."
    - Bill Gates, Chairman, Microsoft Corporation
- Data intensive science consists of the following activities:
  - Capture
  - Management
  - Curation
  - Analysis
- Databases play a key role in supporting the above activities



Jim Gray: Turing Award receiver in 1998

#### Timeline for database technologies

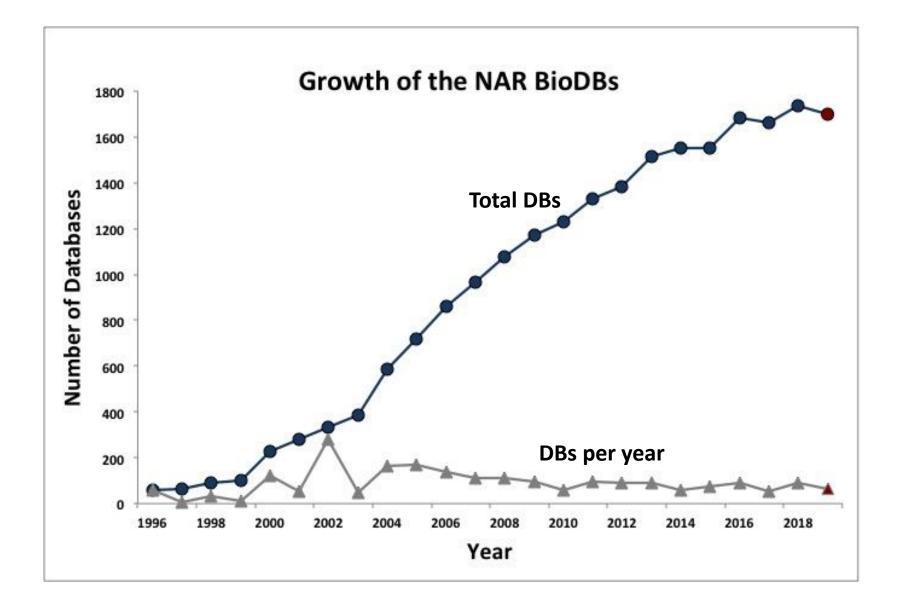


#### Healthcare and life sciences data sources



#### 4Vs:

- Volume high-throughput technologies
- Variety diverse data types, different formats, structured vs. unstructured data
- Velocity data streaming
- Veracity trust worthiness of data



## What is (not) a database?

- It's not just a file
- It's not just an Excel spreadsheet
- It's an organized collection of related information that can easily be accessed, managed, and updated

#### Key database concepts

- Data integrity is the assurance that data are correct, complete and consistent (data correctly reflects the real world)
- Data redundancy occurs if data are duplicated between files
- Data dependency defines linkage between data files and their order of entry
- Data security refers to data being protected so that only authorized personnel can access them
  - Data ethics: fairness, privacy, transparency, and accountability

## Relational database (SQL database)

- The relational model was introduced by E.F. Codd in 1970, which is based on the mathematical set theory
- A relational database management system (RDBMS) is a computer application (software) of the relational data model (e.g., MS SQLServer, MySQL, Oracle, ...)
- It has become an industry standard with a standard query language (SQL)
- Relational databases have widely been used to manage data in different domains

## **Components of Relational Database**

- A table (relation) represents some class of objects (e.g., patients, doctors, drugs, hospitals)
- Each table consists of columns (attributes) and rows (tuples).
  - Each column represents some attribute of the object represented by the table (e.g., patient id, patient name)
  - Each row corresponds to an instance of the object represented by the table (e.g., each row in the Patient table represents a patient who has a specific patient id and name.)

## Formal definition of relations

- A relation is a collection of tuples
- Given a collection of types Ti (i=1,2, ...n)
  - Each tuple t is a set of ordered triples of the form <Ai, Ti, vi>, where Ai is an attribute name, Ti is a type name, and vi is a value of type Ti
  - The value **n** is the degree or arity of **t**
  - Each ordered triple <Ai, Ti, vi> is a <u>component</u> of t
  - Each ordered pair <Ai, Ti> is an <u>attribute</u> of t
  - The complete set of attributes is the <u>heading</u> of t
- Properties of <u>tuples</u>
  - Every tuple contains exactly one value for each attribute
  - There is no left-to-right ordering to the components of a tuple
  - Every subset of a tuple is a tuple (and every subset of a heading is a heading)

#### How to organize data into tables

## Keys

- Primary key: Every table should have a primary key comprising a single or multiple columns that contain unique values. A primary key is the unique identifier of a table row (e.g., "sample id" is the primary key for the Sample table)
- Foreign key: it is a key taken from a different table. For example, in the Experiment table, the "sample id" is the foreign key to the Sample table.

#### Data redundancy

- Data redundancy occurs (accidentally or intentionally) when the same piece of data is stored in two or more separate places
- It can increase database size and cause such anomalies as data inconsistency

Patient ID	Name	Address City	DOB
401	Adam	New Haven	1/1/1970
402	Alex	Bridgeport	3/16/1964
403	Stuart	Fairfield	8/6/2000
401	Adam	Norwalk	2/1/1970

## Normalization

- Normalization is a *process* in which we systematically organize columns and tables to eliminate anomalies due to data redundancy
- It involves decomposing a (de-normalized) table into less redundant (smaller) tables without losing information
- The objective is to isolate data so that additions, deletions, modifications of data can be made in just one table and then propagated to other tables using foreign keys.
- Normalization is a trade-off between data redundancy and performance.
  - Normalizing a table reduces data redundancy but introduces the need for joins when all of the data is required for a report query.
- Normal Form: A set of tables free from a certain set of addition, deletion and modification anomalies.

## **Different Normal Forms**

- First normal form (1NF)
- Second normal form (2NF)
- Third normal form (3NF)
- Boyce-Codd normal form (BCNF)
- Fourth normal form (4NF)
- Fifth normal form (5NF)
- Domain-Key normal form (DK/NF)

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#### First Normal Form

- Each column value must be a single value only.
- All values for a given column must be of the same data type.
- Each column name must be unique.
- The order of columns is insignificant
- The order of the rows is insignificant
- No two rows in a table can be identical.

## First Normal Form Example

Patient ID	Name	Age	ICD10code	Diagnosis
401	Adam Smith	45	311	Covid
402	Jane Doe	54	N18.9	СКD
403	Tom Steward	67	C18.2	Colon cancer

#### Second Normal Form

- A table is in second normal form (2NF) if it is in 1NF and if all of its non-key columns are dependent on all of the *key*.
  - A table is in second normal form if it is free from partial-key dependencies
- Tables that have a single column for a key are automatically in 2NF.
  - This is one reason why we often use artificial identifiers (non-composite keys) as keys.
- To achieve second normal form, we may need to split a table into multiple tables and match rows between tables using primary and foreign keys

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## **Third Normal Form**

- Every non-primary key column must be dependent on primary key
- There should not be the case that a non-primary key column is determined by another non-primary key (*transitive dependency*)
  - Patient (ID, Name, DOB, Zipcode, Country)
- A table is in 3NF if the following are true:
  - it is in 2NF
  - All transitive dependencies are removed

Patient (ID, Name, DOB, Zip)

Address (Zipcode, Country)

#### Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD)

#### What is ERD

- It is a data model associated with a diagrammatic method (P. Chen 1976) used to conduct/view data modeling
- It describes the attributes of and the relationship between entities (data objects)
- DBA uses ERD to perform data modeling and explain the diagram to stakeholders

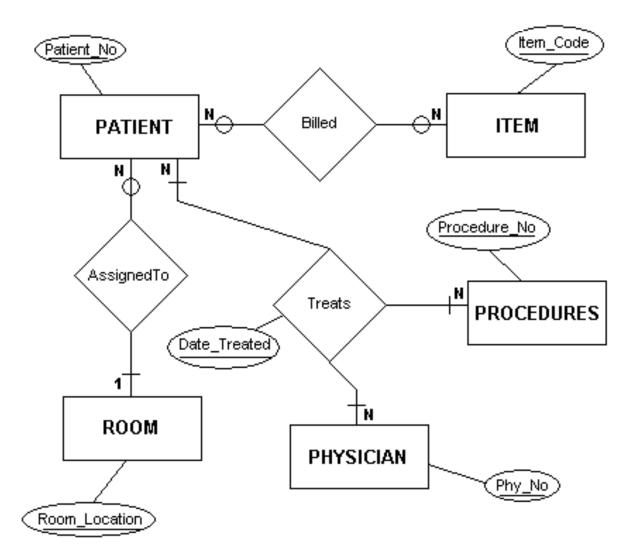
## Primary Components of ERD

- Entity represents a collection of objects in the real world (e.g., person, place, event)
- Attribute is a named property or characteristic of an entity
- Relationship is an association between the instances of one or more entities

## **Relationship Cardinality**

- It expresses the minimum and maximum number of occurrences of one entity for a single occurrence of the other
  - One-to-One (1:1)
  - One-to-Many (1:N)
  - Many-to-Many (M:N)

## Example ERD (Hospital Database)

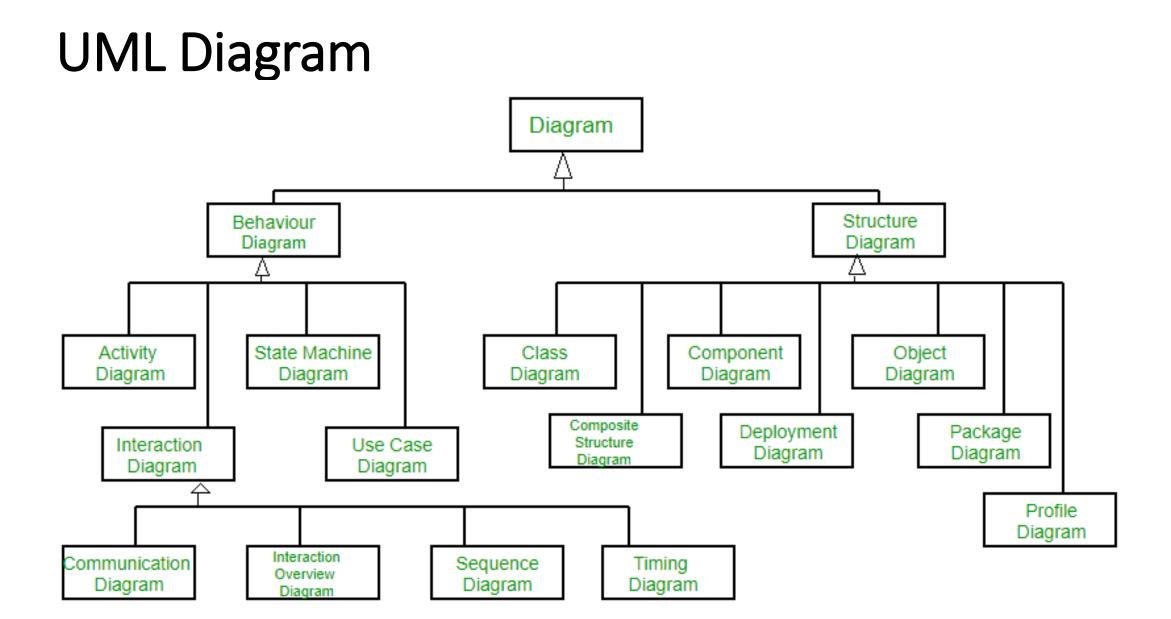


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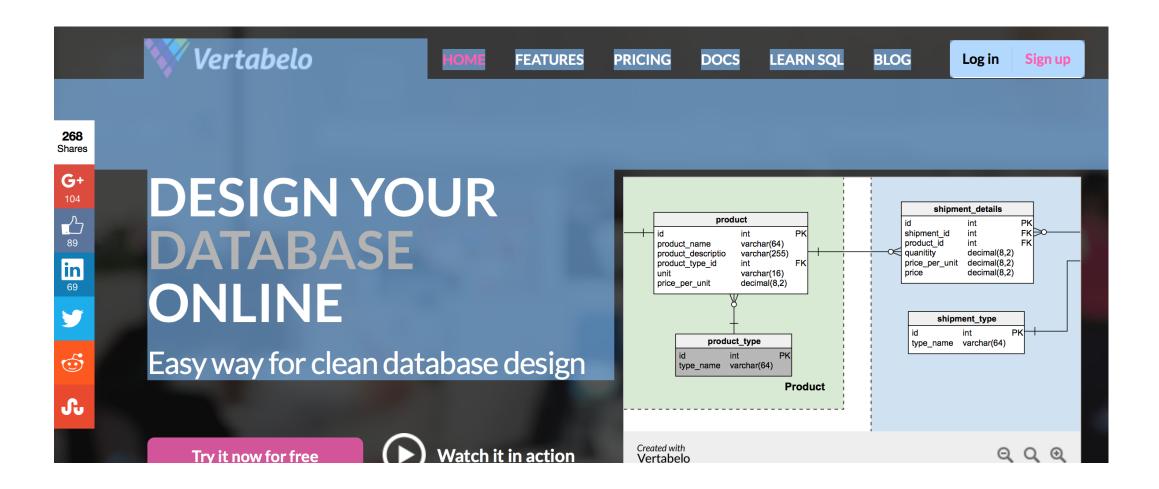
- Unified Modeling Language
- It was developed by Grady Booch, Ivar Jacobson and James Rumbaugh in 1994–1996
- It is a general-purpose modeling language in software engineering
- It is intended to provide a standard way to visualize the design of a system
- UML was adopted as a standard by the Object Management Group (OMG) in 1997
- UML was published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) as an approved ISO standard in 2005

#### UML as a visual diagram

- Diagrams in UML can be broadly classified as:
  - Structural Diagrams Capture static aspects or structure of a system including Component Diagrams, Object Diagrams, Class Diagrams and Deployment Diagrams.
  - Behavior Diagrams Capture dynamic aspects or behavior of the system including: Use Case Diagrams, State Diagrams, Activity Diagrams and Interaction Diagrams.



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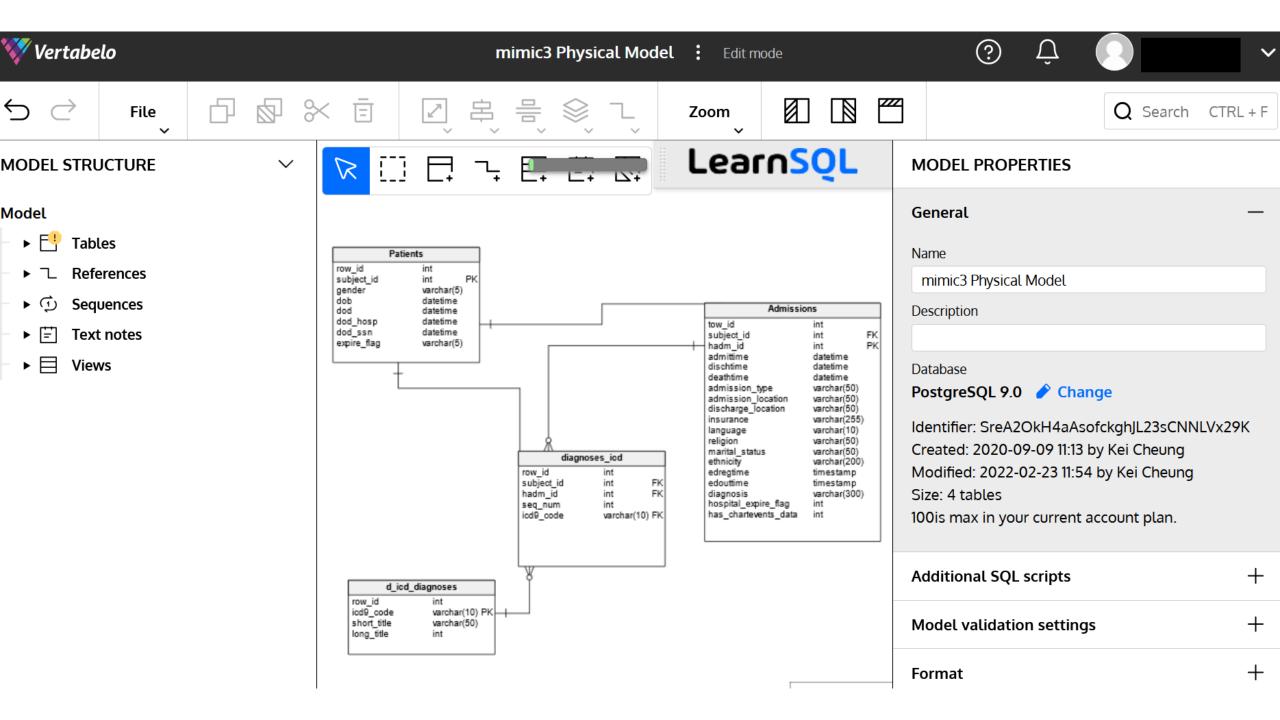
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#### **On-Line Transaction Processing (OLTP)**

# What is OLTP?

- It is a class of information systems (e.g., databases) that facilitate and manage transaction-oriented applications, typically for data entry and retrieval transactions
- A database that is based on a normalized relational model is considered an OLTP application. It supports the following transactions:
  - Insert new rows
  - Update existing rows
  - Delete rows
  - Select rows
- A database transaction must be atomic, consistent, isolated and durable (ACID)

# Structured Query Language (SQL)

- It is a standard programming language for creating (CREATE) relational databases and tables as well as retrieving (SELECT), adding (INSERT), deleting (DELETE) and updating (UPDATE) data in a relational database
- It is compliant with ANSI and ISO standards

## SQL Statement (CREATE DATABASE/TABLE)

**CREATE DATABASE Patient\_DB;** 

**CREATE TABLE Patient\_DB.Patient** 

ID int, Name varchar (50), Address varchar (250), Age smallint Sex varchar (2)

);

### **INSERT Statement**

INSERT INTO Patient\_DB.Patient (ID, Name, Address, Age, Sex) VALUES (1, 'John Doe', 'XYZ', 40, 'M')

...

ID	Name	Address	Age	Sex
1	John Doe	XYZ	40	Μ
2	Jane Smith	ABC	34	F
3	Mary Queen	PQSRT	46	F
4	Mike Lee	DWQER	60	Μ

### **UPDATE Statement**

UPDATE Patient\_DB.Patient SET AGE=41 WHERE ID=1

ID	Name	Address	Age	Sex
1	John Doe	XYZ	41	Μ
2	Jane Smith	ABC	34	F
3	Mary Queen	PQSRT	46	F
4	Mike Lee	DWQER	60	Μ

### **DELETE Statement**

DELETE Patient\_DB.Patient WHERE Name='Mike Lee'

ID	Name	Address	Age	Sex
1	John Doe	XYZ	41	Μ
2	Jane Smith	ABC	34	F
3	Mary Queen	PQSRT	46	F

## **SELECT Statement**

SELECT ID, Name, Age, Sex

FROM Patient\_DB.Patient

WHERE Age>=40

**ORDER BY Age** 

ID	Name	Address	Age	Sex
1	John Doe	XYZ	40	Μ
2	Jane Smith	ABC	34	F
3	Mary Queen	PQSRT	46	F
4	Mike Lee	DWQER	60	М

## SELECT Statement (Aggregation)

SELECT Sex, avg(Age) FROM Patient\_DB.Patient GROUP BY SEX

Results: M 50 F 40

ID	Name	Address	Age	Sex
1	John Doe	XYZ	40	Μ
2	Jane Smith	ABC	34	F
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## SELECT Statement (JOIN)

SELECT A.\*, B.Report\_Text

FROM Patient\_DB.Patient AS A

INNER JOIN Patient\_DB.LabTest. AS B

ON A.ID = B.Patient\_ID

ID	Name	Address	Age	Sex
1	John Doe	XYZ	40	Μ
2	Jane Smith	ABC	34	F
3	Mary Queen	PQSRT	46	F
4	Mike Lee	DWQER	60	Μ

Patient_ID	ID	Report_Text
1	1	
2	2	

ID	Name	Address	Age	Sex	Report_Text
1	John Doe	XYZ	40	Μ	
2	Jane Smith	ABC	34	F	

## **CREATE VIEW**

CREATE VIEW Patient\_Doc AS SELECT A.\*, B.Report\_Text FROM Patient\_DB.Patient AS A INNER JOIN Patient\_DB.LabTest. AS B ON A.ID = B.Patient\_ID

Address **Report Text** ID Name Age Sex **SELECT \* FROM Patient Doc** 3 Mary Queen PQSRT F 46 .... WHERE Age>45 Mike Lee DWQER 60 Μ 4 ....

# Other Types of SQL Statements

- TRUNCATE TABLE
- DROP TABLE
- CREATE INDEX (boost query performace)
  - Full-Text index (e.g., part of MS SQLServer)

# From OLTP to OLAP (On-Line Analytical Processing)

## **OLAP** Overview

- OLTP databases are tuned to small/medium size of data with relatively simple queries
- Some applications use fewer but more time-consuming analytic queries
- New architectures (data warehouses) have been developed to handle such analytic queries efficiently (De-normalization)

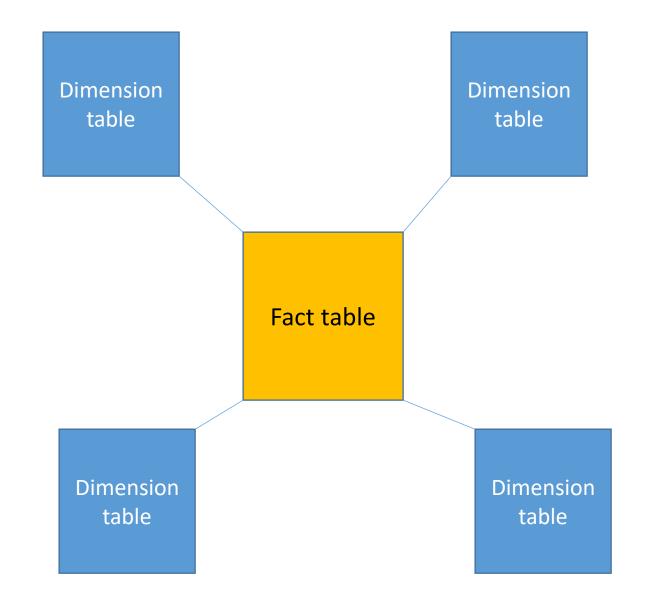
## **OLAP Example Queries**

- Amazon analyzes purchases by its customers to identify products of likely interest to customers
- Analysts at Wal-Mart look for merchandise items with increasing sales in some region

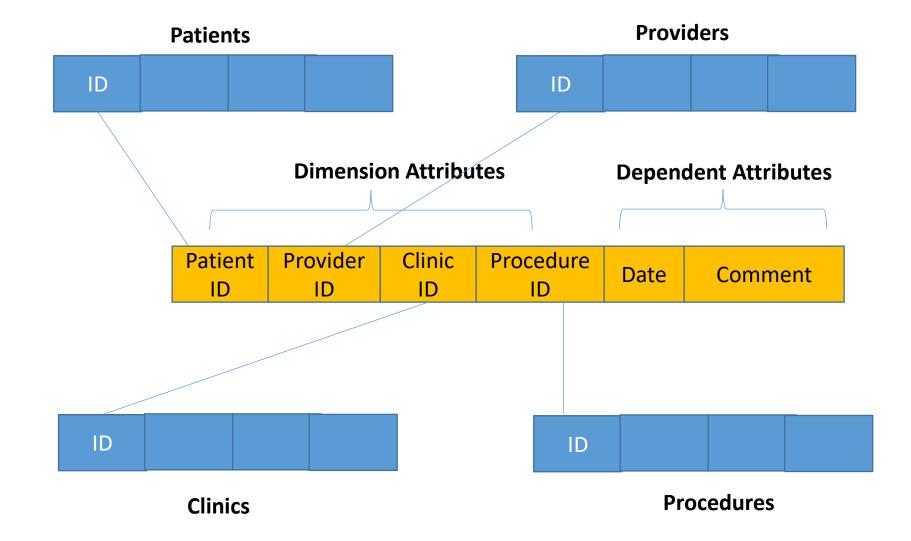
## Data Warehouse

- The most common form of database integration
  - Copy source databases into a single database (data warehouse)
  - Update the data warehouse periodically (in batch mode)
  - Support analytic queries using a dimensional data model (vs. a normalized entity-relationship model)
- Example: VA CDW

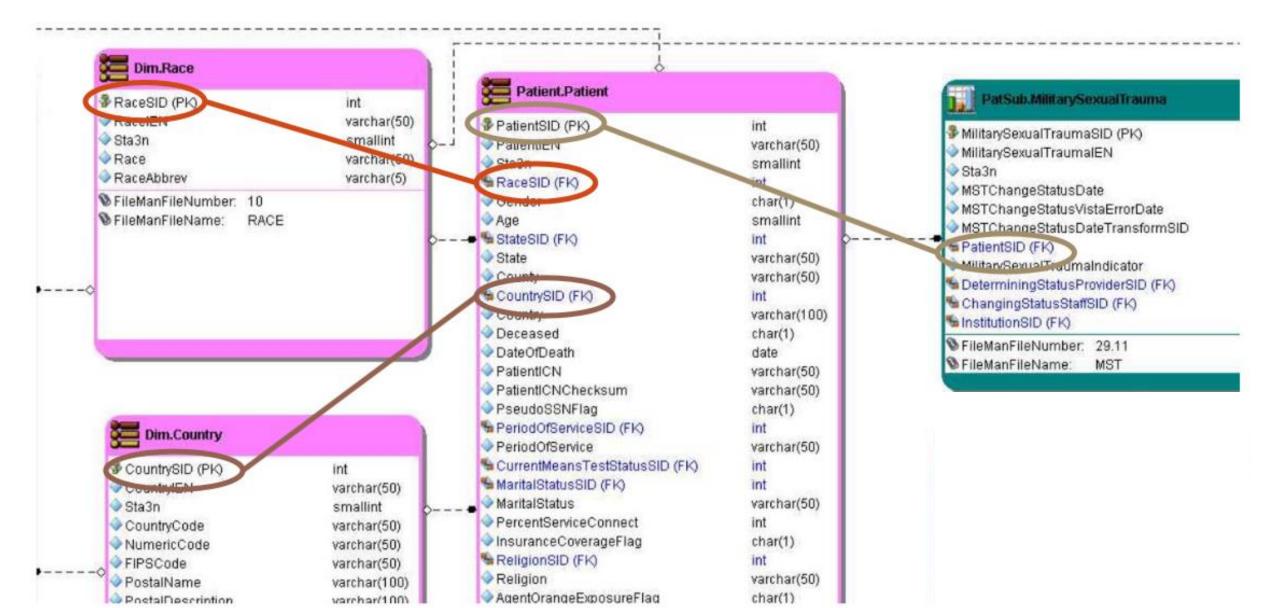
### Star Schema



# Star Schema Example



## Corporate Data Warehouse



# **Example Queries**

- Compare numbers of patient visits across different clinics for a given year
- Which are the top 10 most performed procedures among all clinics from 2010 to 2014

### The End

### Thanks!