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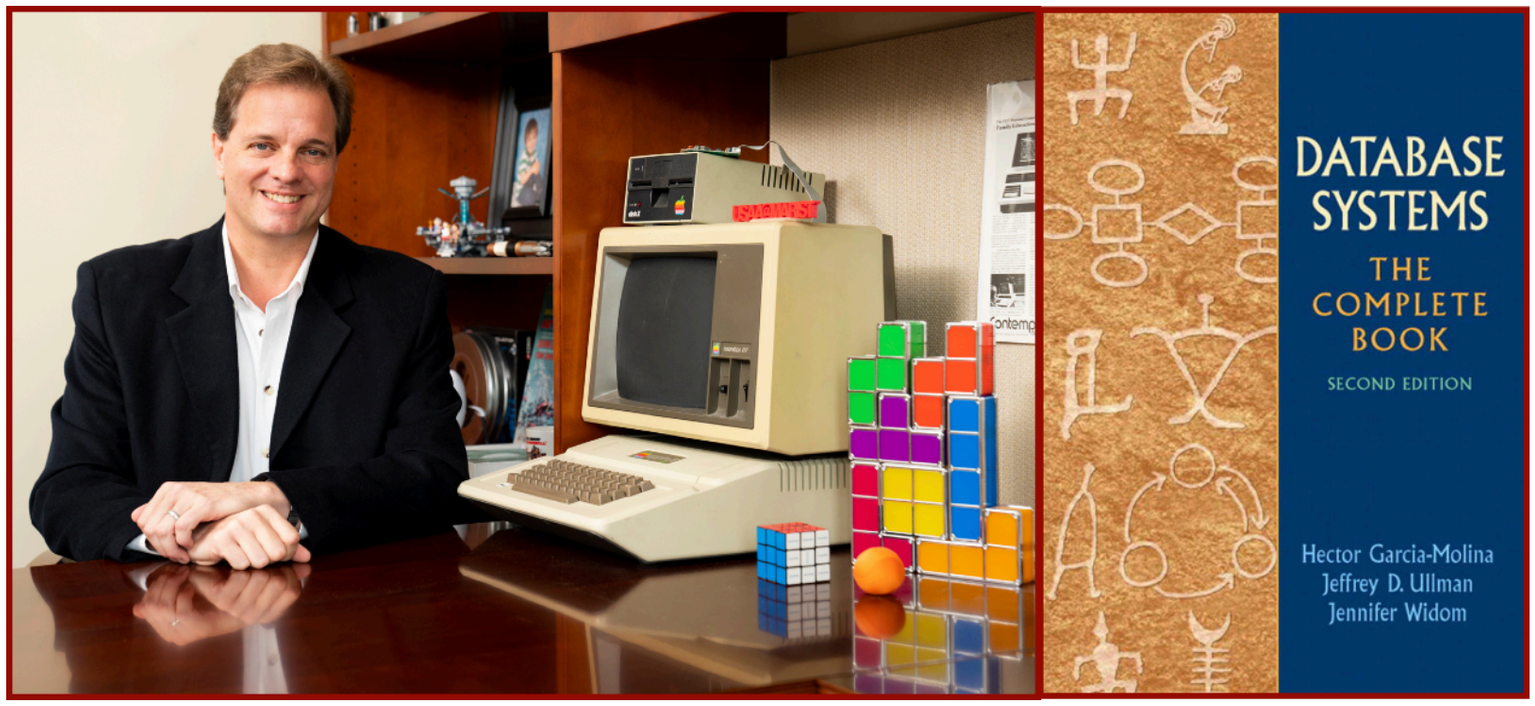


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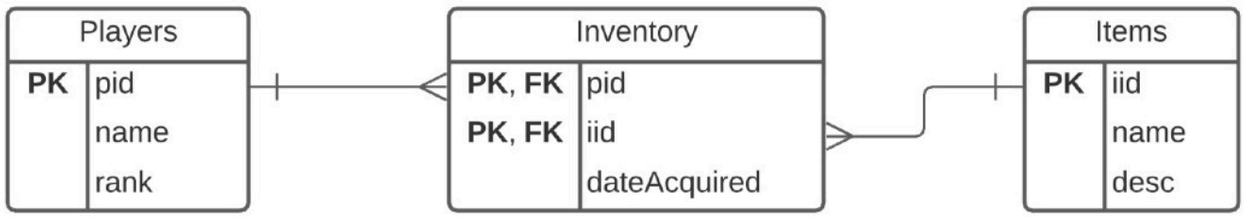
## Tables of rows and columns: Our AD&D-like game

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CAP-# from Items;
 iid | name  | descr
-----+-------+-------
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 B   | gem   | ...
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 D   | sword | ...
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CAP=# select *
CAP-# from Inventory;
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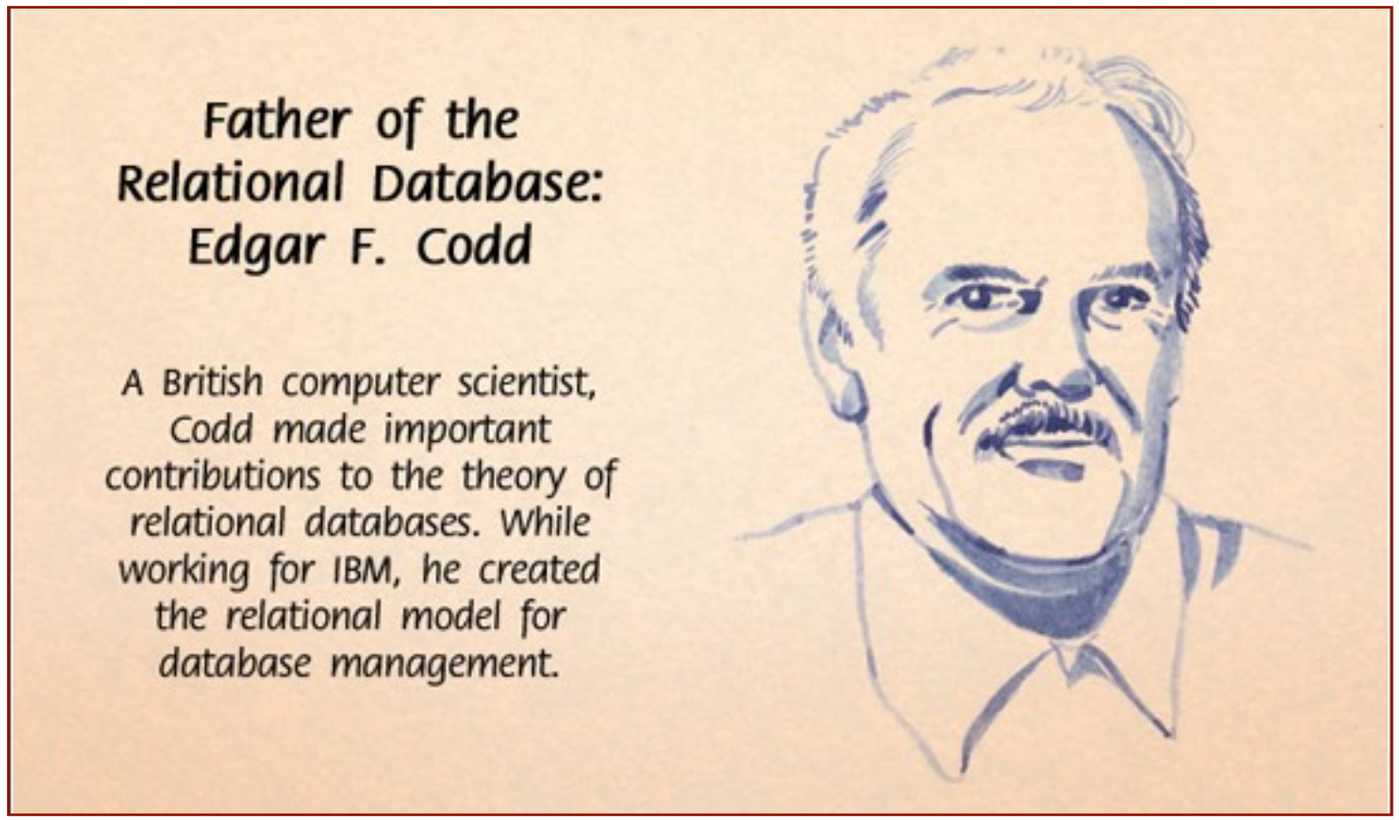

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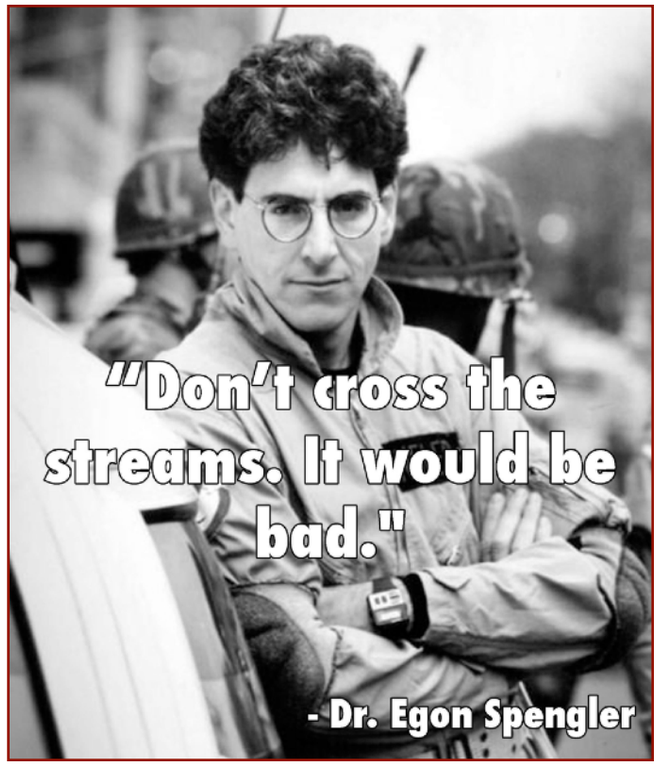

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## Expanded Summary

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# Keys

**Primary Key** the chosen candidate key

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| p03 | Commodore PET | Duluth | 1979 | 65.02 |
| p04 | LCARS module | Duluth | 3 | 47.00 |
| p05 | Remo drumhead | Dallas | 8675309 | 16.61 |
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| p07 | Flux Capacitor | Newark | 1007 | 1.00 |
| p08 | HAL 9000 memory core | Newark | 200 | 1.25 |
| p09 | Red Barchetta | Toronto | 1 | 379000.47 |

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| pid | paymentTerms | discountPct |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Net 30 | 21.12 |
| 4 | Net 15 | 4.04 |
| 5 | In Advance | 5.50 |
| 7 | On Receipt | 2.00 |
| 8 | Net 30 | 10.00 |

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# Keys and Referential Integrity

The enforcement of the Primary Key (PK) — Foreign Key (FK) relationship is perhaps the most important aspect of Relational Databases. This property is called **referential integrity**. It insures consistency and accuracy, and thus leads to data quality. Data cannot become information without it.

Because of the importance of keys, it's critical that we — as database designers and data architects — **never** let end users control the content of key fields. For that reason, *artificial keys* are often a smart choice.

An *artificial key* is one that we make up. CWID is an example.

# SQL

## SELECT

## FROM

## WHERE

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FROM
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# SQL

SELECT some columns
FROM some table
WHERE some condition holds true

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# SQL

```
SELECT    firstName
FROM      People
WHERE     homeCity = 'Toronto'
```

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# SQL

## SQL Script for AD&D database: Players, Items, and Inventory tables, and a few queries

```
create table Players (
   pid   int not null,
   name  text,
   rank text,
 primary key (pid)
);

insert into Players(pid, name, rank)
values (1, 'James',   'Captain'),
       (2, 'Leonard', 'Admiral');

select *
from Players;


create table Items (
   iid   char(1) not null,
   name  text,
   descr text,
 primary key (iid)
);

insert into Items (iid, name, descr)
values ('A', 'wand',  '...'),
       ('B', 'gem',   '...'),
       ('C', 'mace',  '...'),
       ('D', 'sword', '...');

select *
from Items;
```

```
create table Inventory (
   pid          int     not null references Players(pid),
   iid          char(1) not null references Items(iid),
   dateAcquired date,
  primary key(pid, iid)
);

insert into Inventory (pid, iid, dateAcquired)
values (1, 'A', '2020-01-23'),
       (1, 'B', '2020-01-23'),
       (2, 'B', '2020-01-23'),
       (2, 'C', '2020-01-23');

select *
from Inventory;

-- Players and their Items
select Players.name, Items.name
from Players inner join Inventory on Players.pid = Inventory.pid
             inner join Items on Inventory.iid = Items.iid;

-- Unused Items
select *
from Items
where iid not in (select iid
                  from Inventory);

-- Item use count v1
select iid, count(iid)
from Inventory
group by iid
order by count(iid) DESC;
```