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Database Intro

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Fluency in Information Technology

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Readings and References

- Reading
  - » *Fluency with Information Technology*
    - Chapter 13, Introduction to Database Concepts
- References
  - » *Access Database: Design and Programming*
    - by Steve Roman, published by O'Reilly

Why Study Databases?

- Some of us want to compute, but all of us want information …
  - Much of the archived information is in tables
  - Databases enhance applications, e.g. Web
  - Once you know how to create databases, you can use them to personal advantage
  - Databases introduce interesting ideas

The Internet Movie Database

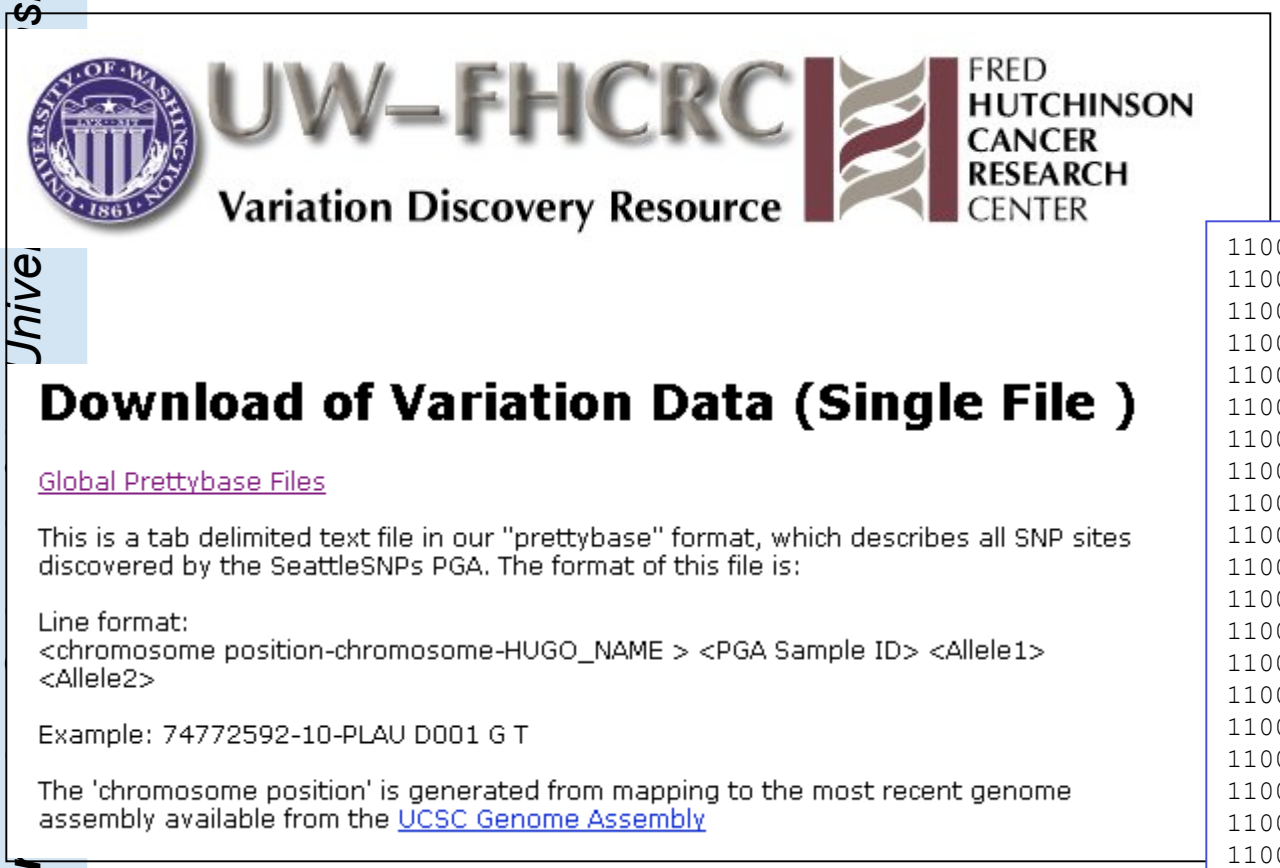
Visited by over 20 million movie lovers each month!

Welcome to the Internet Movie Database, the biggest, best, most award-winning movie site on the planet.

How to organize the data?

- Before relational databases (the kind we study) there were only "flat files"
  - » Structural information is difficult to express
  - » All processing of information is "special cased"
    - custom programs are needed
  - » Information repeated; difficult to combine
  - » Changes in format of one file means all programs that ever process that file must be changed
    - eg, adding ZIP codes

tab-delimited file example



UW–FHCRC Variation Discovery Resource

FRED HUTCHINSON CANCER RESEARCH CENTER

Download of Variation Data (Single File)

Global Prettybase Files

This is a tab delimited text file in our "prettybase" format, which describes all SNP sites discovered by the SeattleSNPs PGA. The format of this file is:

Line format:
<chromosome position-chromosome-HUGO_NAME > <PGA Sample ID> <Allele1> <Allele2>

Example: 74772592-10-PLAU D001 G T

The 'chromosome position' is generated from mapping to the most recent genome assembly available from the UCSC Genome Assembly

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1100322-IL3RA-X      D001    N  N
1100322-IL3RA-X      D002    G  G
1100322-IL3RA-X      D003    G  G
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1100322-IL3RA-X      D037    A  A
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1100322-IL3RA-X      D039    G  G
1100322-IL3RA-X      D040    G  G
...
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Library example

notice the redundancy

ISBN	Title	AuID	AuName	AuPhone	PubID	PubName	PubPhone	Price
1-1111-1111-1	C++	4	Roman	444-444-4444	1	Big House	123-456-7890	$29.95
0-99-999999-9	Emma	1	Austen	111-111-1111	1	Big House	123-456-7890	$20.00
0-91-335678-7	Fairie Queene	7	Spencer	777-777-7777	1	Big House	123-456-7890	$15.00
0-91-045678-5	Hamlet	5	Shakespeare	555-555-5555	2	Alpha Press	999-999-9999	$20.00
0-103-45678-9	Iliad	3	Homer	333-333-3333	1	Big House	123-456-7890	$25.00
0-12-345678-6	Jane Eyre	1	Austen	111-111-1111	3	Small House	714-000-0000	$49.00
0-99-777777-7	King Lear	5	Shakespeare	555-555-5555	2	Alpha Press	999-999-9999	$49.00
0-555-55555-9	Macbeth	5	Shakespeare	555-555-5555	2	Alpha Press	999-999-9999	$12.00
0-11-345678-9	Moby Dick	2	Melville	222-222-2222	3	Small House	714-000-0000	$49.00
0-12-333433-3	On Liberty	8	Mill	888-888-8888	1	Big House	123-456-7890	$25.00
0-321-32132-1	Balloon	13	Sleepy	321-321-1111	3	Small House	714-000-0000	$34.00
0-321-32132-1	Balloon	11	Snoopy	321-321-2222	3	Small House	714-000-0000	$34.00
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0-55-123456-9	Main Street	10	Jones	123-333-3333	3	Small House	714-000-0000	$22.95
0-55-123456-9	Main Street	9	Smith	123-222-2222	3	Small House	714-000-0000	$22.95
0-123-45678-0	Ulysses	6	Joyce	666-666-6666	2	Alpha Press	999-999-9999	$34.00
1-22-233700-0	Visual Basic	4	Roman	444-444-4444	1	Big House	123-456-7890	$25.00

from Access Database book, Steve Roman

Relational Databases

- Information is stored in tables
  - » Tables store information about *entities*
  - » Entities have characteristics called *attributes*
  - » Each row in a table represents a single entity
    - Each row is a set of attribute values
    - Every row must be unique, identified by a *key*
  - » Relationships -- associations among the data values are stored

Table structure = schema
Table contents = instance

A Table in a Database

Tables have names, attributes {fields}, entities {rows}

Example : Table

ID	Last	First	JobID	Hire	Street	City	State	Country
1	Davalino	Nancy	0	5/1/1992	507 20th Ave E	Seattle	WA	USA
2	Fuller	Andrew	3	8/14/1992	908 W. Capital Way	Seattle	WA	USA
3	Wooster	Berton	1	4/1/1993	722 Moss Bay Blvd	Seattle	WA	USA
4	Peacock	Margaret	2	5/3/1993	4110 Old Redmond Rd	Kirkland	WA	USA
5	Buchanan	Steven	3	10/17/1994	13 Garrett Hill	Seattle	WA	USA
6	Sullimani	Okan	2	12/12/1994	Coventry House	Seattle	WA	USA
0			0					

Record: 7 of 7

instance

Schema for Example table:

ID	number	unique number(Key)
Last	text	person's last name
First	text	person's first name
JobCode	number	current position
Hire	date	first day on job
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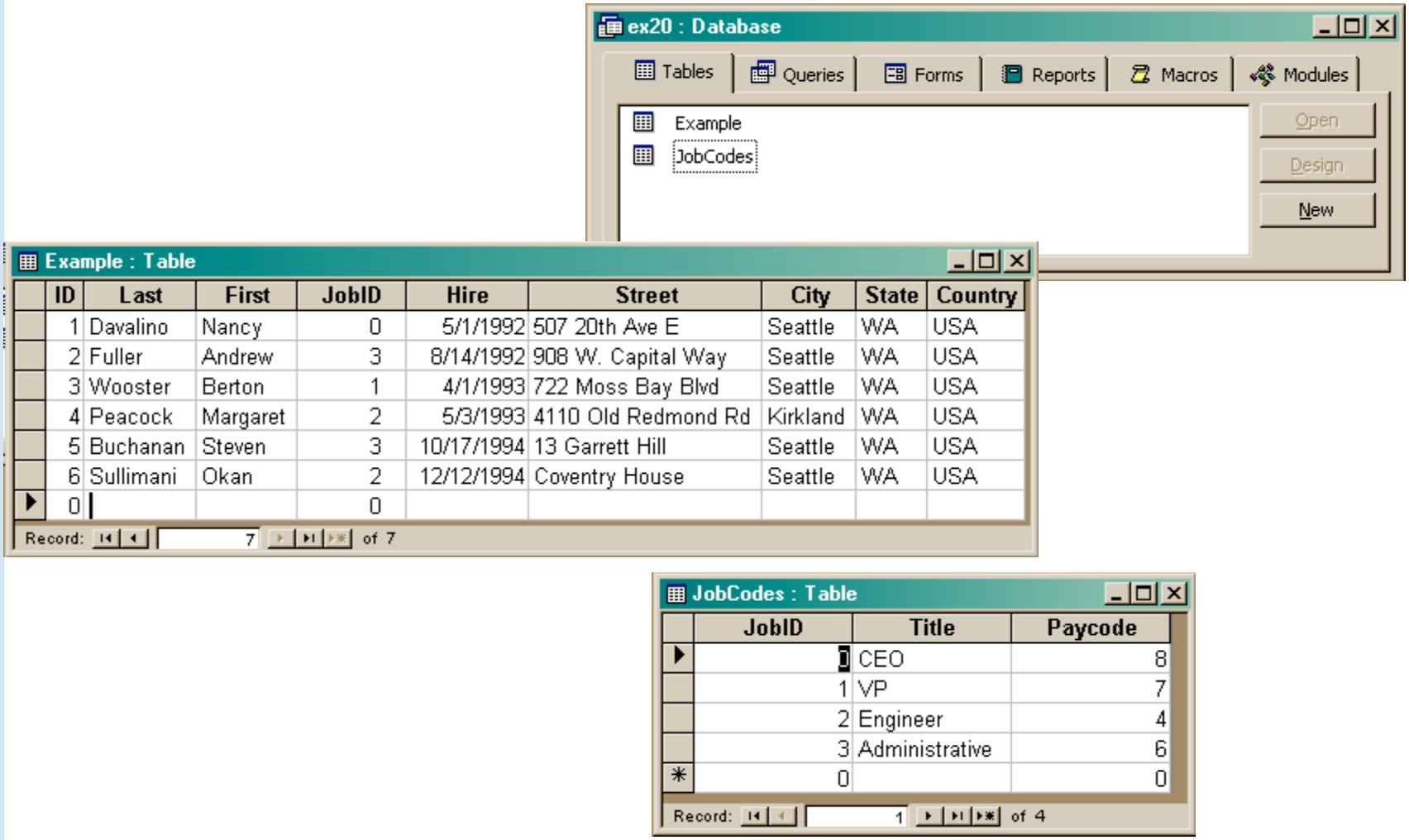
schema

Two tables in a database



Redundancy in a database is Very Bad

- Not every assembly of tables is a good database
- Repeating data is a bad idea
  - » Replicated data can differ in its different locations, e.g. multiple addresses can differ
    - Inconsistent data is worse than no data
  - » Keep a *single copy* of any data
    - if it is needed in multiple places, associate it with a key and store key rather than the data

Relationships between tables

Perms : Table

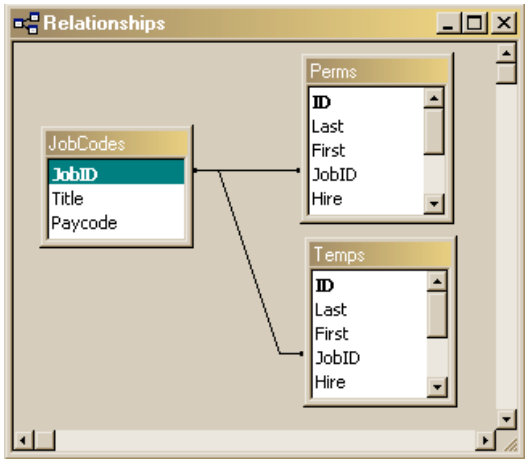
ID	Last	First	JobID	Hire	Street	City	State	Country
1	Davalino	Nancy	0	01-May-92	507 20th Ave E	Seattle	WA	USA
2	Fuller	Andrew	3	14-Aug-92	908 W. Capital Way	Seattle	WA	USA
3	Wooster	Berton	1	01-Apr-93	722 Moss Bay Blvd	Seattle	WA	USA
4	Peacock	Margaret	2	03-May-93	4110 Old Redmond Rd	Kirkland	WA	USA
5	Buchanan	Steven	3	17-Oct-94	13 Garrett Hill	Seattle	WA	USA
6	Sullimani	Okan	2	12-Dec-94	Coventry House	Seattle	WA	USA
0			0					

Record: 1 of 6

JobCodes : Table

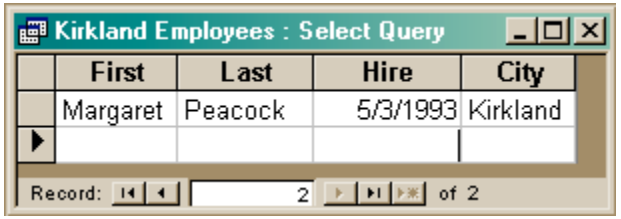
JobID	Title	Paycode
0	CEO	8
1	VP	7
2	Engineer	4
3	Administrative	6
0		0

Record: 1 of 4



"You can look it up"

- When looking for information, a single item might be the answer, but a table is more likely
  - » Which employees live in Kirkland?
    - Table of employees
  - » Who is taking INFO/CSE 100?
    - Table of students
  - » Whose mile run time ≤ 4:00?
    - Table of runners



Query to a database (set of tables) produces a new table

Relational Algebra: Tables From Tables

- There are five basic "algebraic" operations on tables:
  - Select -- pick rows from a table
  - Project -- pick columns from a table
  - Union -- combine two tables w/like columns
  - Difference -- remove one table from another
  - Product -- create "all pairs" from two tables

From this basis, many more complicated operations can be built up

Select Operation

- Select creates a table from the rows of another table meeting a criterion

Select_from Example **On** Hire < 1993

Perms : Table

	ID	Last	First	JobID	Hire	Street	City	State	Country
▶	1	Davalino	Nancy	0	01-May-92	507 20th Ave E	Seattle	WA	USA
	2	Fuller	Andrew	3	14-Aug-92	908 W. Capital Way	Seattle	WA	USA
	3	Wooster	Berton	1	01-Apr-93	722 Moss Bay Blvd	Seattle	WA	USA
	4	Peacock	Margaret	2	03-May-93	4110 Old Redmond Rd	Kirkland	WA	USA
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*	0			0					

Record: 1 of 6

Long term employees : Select Query

	ID	Last	First	JobID	Hire	Street	City	State	Country
▶	1	Davalino	Nancy	0	01-May-92	507 20th Ave E	Seattle	WA	USA
	2	Fuller	Andrew	3	14-Aug-92	908 W. Capital Way	Seattle	WA	USA
*	0			0					

Record: 1 of 2

Project

- Project creates a table from the columns of another table

Project Last, First **From** Example

Perms : Table

ID	Last	First	JobID	Hire	Street	City	State	Country
1	Davalino	Nancy	0	01-May-92	507 20th Ave E	Seattle	WA	USA
2	Fuller	Andrew	3	14-Aug-92	908 W. Capital Way	Seattle	WA	USA
3	Wooster	Berton	1	01-Apr-93	722 Moss Bay Blvd	Seattle	WA	USA
4	Peacock	Margaret	2	03-May-93	4110 Old Redmond Rd	Kirkland	WA	USA
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6	Sullimani	Okan	2	12-Dec-94	Coventry House	Seattle	WA	
0			0					

Record: 1 of 6

Projection example : Select Query

Last	First
Davalino	Nancy
Fuller	Andrew
Wooster	Berton
Peacock	Margaret
Buchanan	Steven
Sullimani	Okan

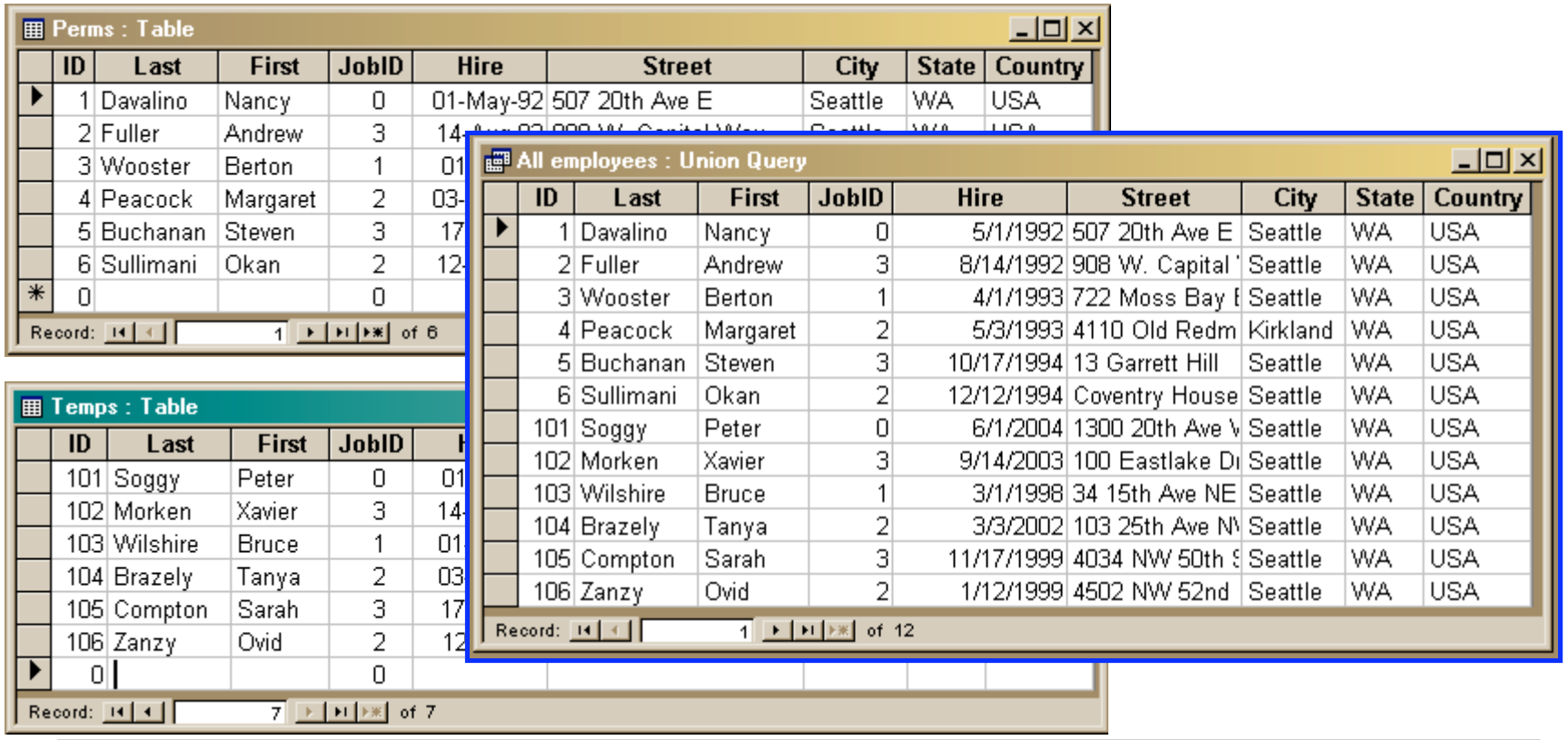
Record: 7 of 7

This is a projection from 9 dimensions to 2 dimensions

Union

- Union combines two tables with *same attributes*

  All employees = perms UNION temps



Perms : Table

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2	Fuller	Andrew	3	14-				
3	Wooster	Berton	1	01				
4	Peacock	Margaret	2	03-				
5	Buchanan	Steven	3	17				
6	Sullimani	Okan	2	12-				
0			0					

Record: 1 of 6

Temps : Table

ID	Last	First	JobID	H
101	Soggy	Peter	0	01
102	Morken	Xavier	3	14-
103	Wilshire	Bruce	1	01
104	Brazely	Tanya	2	03
105	Compton	Sarah	3	17
106	Zanzy	Ovid	2	12
0			0	

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All employees : Union Query

ID	Last	First	JobID	Hire	Street	City	State	Country
1	Davalino	Nancy	0	5/1/1992	507 20th Ave E	Seattle	WA	USA
2	Fuller	Andrew	3	8/14/1992	908 W. Capital '	Seattle	WA	USA
3	Wooster	Berton	1	4/1/1993	722 Moss Bay E	Seattle	WA	USA
4	Peacock	Margaret	2	5/3/1993	4110 Old Redm	Kirkland	WA	USA
5	Buchanan	Steven	3	10/17/1994	13 Garrett Hill	Seattle	WA	USA
6	Sullimani	Okan	2	12/12/1994	Coventry House	Seattle	WA	USA
101	Soggy	Peter	0	6/1/2004	1300 20th Ave V	Seattle	WA	USA
102	Morken	Xavier	3	9/14/2003	100 Eastlake Di	Seattle	WA	USA
103	Wilshire	Bruce	1	3/1/1998	34 15th Ave NE	Seattle	WA	USA
104	Brazely	Tanya	2	3/3/2002	103 25th Ave NV	Seattle	WA	USA
105	Compton	Sarah	3	11/17/1999	4034 NW 50th S	Seattle	WA	USA
106	Zanzy	Ovid	2	1/12/1999	4502 NW 52nd	Seattle	WA	USA

Record: 1 of 12

Difference

- Difference (written like subtraction) removes 1 table's rows from another
  - Eastern = States **-** WestCoast

States : Table

Name	Capitol	Sight
Washington	Olympia	Mt. Rainier
Oregon	Salem	Crater Lake
California	Sacramento	Golden Gate
Arizona	Phoenix	Grand Canyon
Nevada	Carson City	Las Vegas

WestCoast : Table

Name	Capitol	Sight
Washington	Olympia	Mt. Rainier
Oregon	Salem	Crater Lake
California	Sacramento	Golden Gate

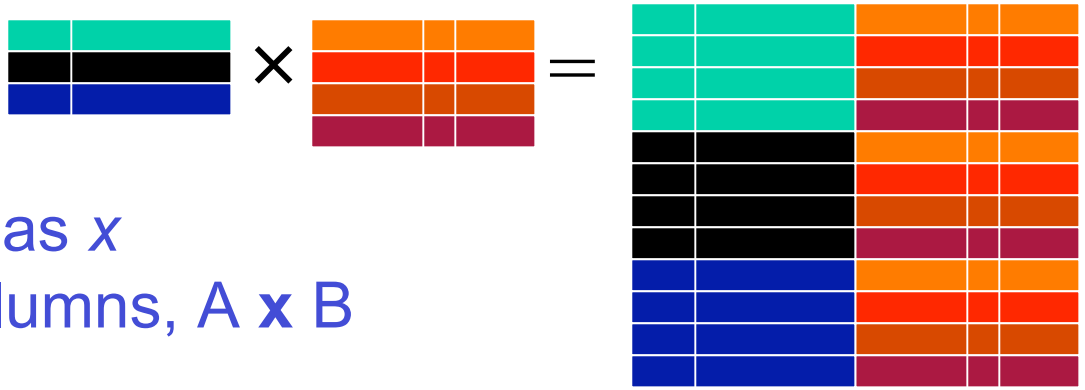
Eastern : Table

Name	Capitol	Sight
Arizona	Phoenix	Grand Canyon
Nevada	Carson City	Las Vegas

Product

- Product (written like multiplication) combines columns and pairs all rows

  Colors = Blues **x** Reds



Column Rule: If A has *x* columns, B has *y* columns, A **x** B has *x*+*y* columns

Row Rule: If A has *m* rows, B has *n* rows A **x** B has *mn* rows

Join

- Join (written like a bow tie) combines rows if common field matches

Employee List = Perms ⋈ JobCodes

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JobCodes : Table

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0		0

Record: 5 of 5

Join example : Select Query

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3	Wooster	Berton	1	VP	7
4	Peacock	Margaret	2	Engineer	4
6	Sullimani	Okan	2	Engineer	4
2	Fuller	Andrew	3	Administrative	6
5	Buchanan	Steven	3	Administrative	6

Record: 1 of 6

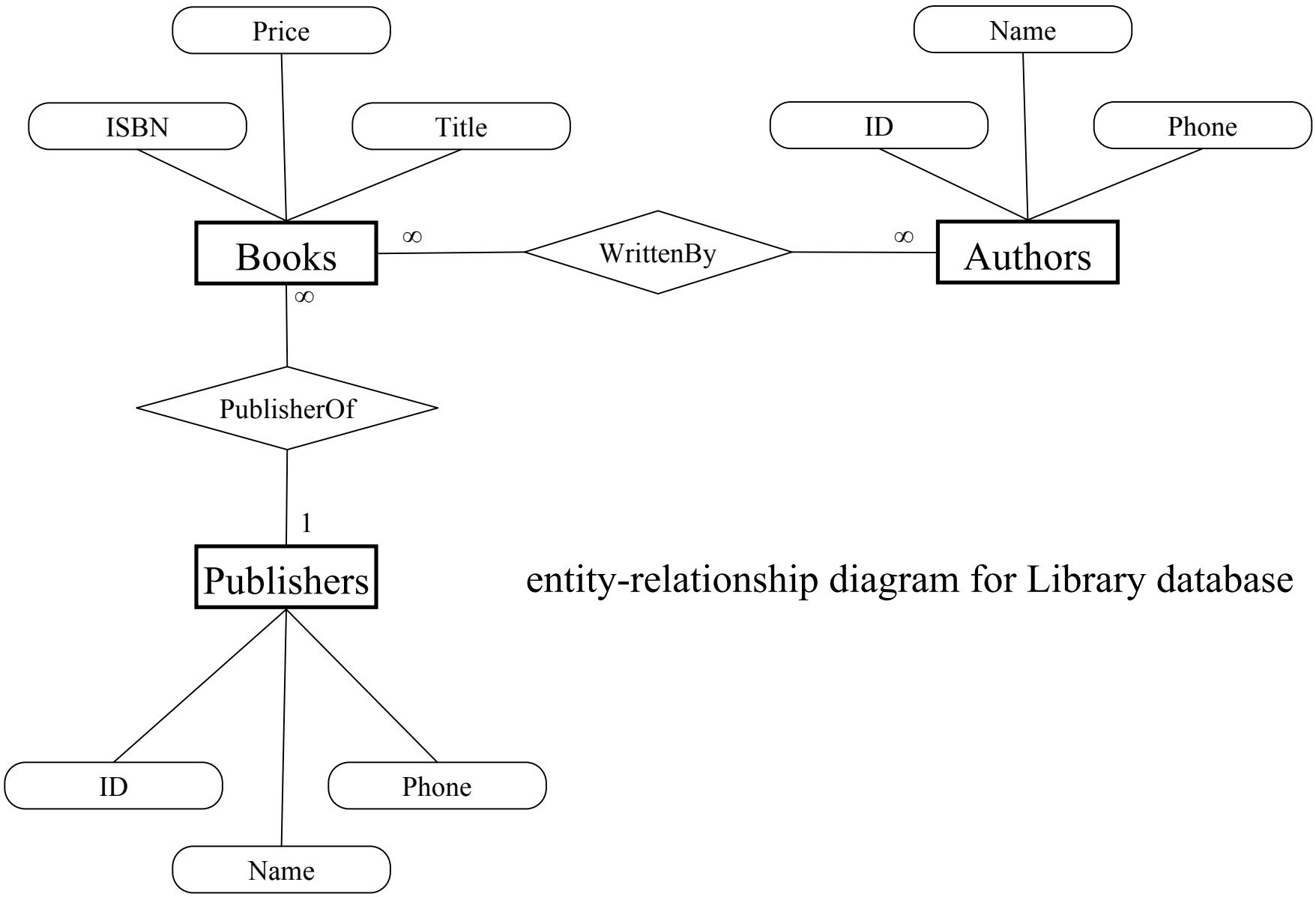
DB Operations

- The five DB Operations can create any table from a given set of tables
  - All modern database systems are built on these relational operations
  - Join is not primitive, but can be built from 5
  - Join, select and project are used most often
  - The operations are not usually used directly, but are used indirectly from other languages
- Structured Query Language (SQL) is the language that we talk to the database in

SQL, the DB language we learn, is built on basic 5

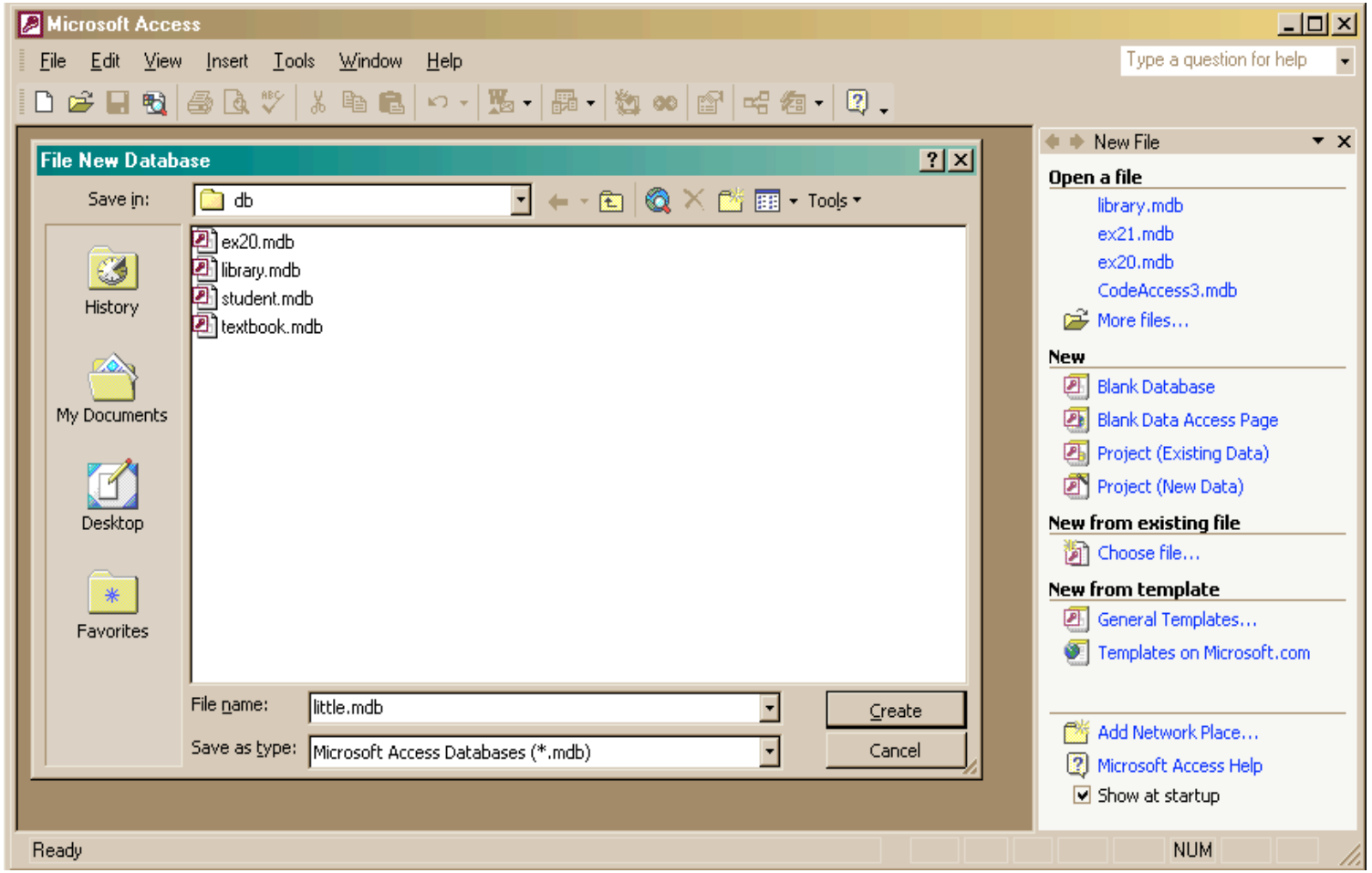
Database Structure

- A database contains one or more *tables*
  - » Tables include *entities* with *attributes*
  - » There are *relationships* defined between the entities in the various tables
  - » Retrieve information from the tables using *queries*
- First, design the database
  - » What are the entities?
  - » What are the attributes of each entity?
  - » What are the relationships between tables?

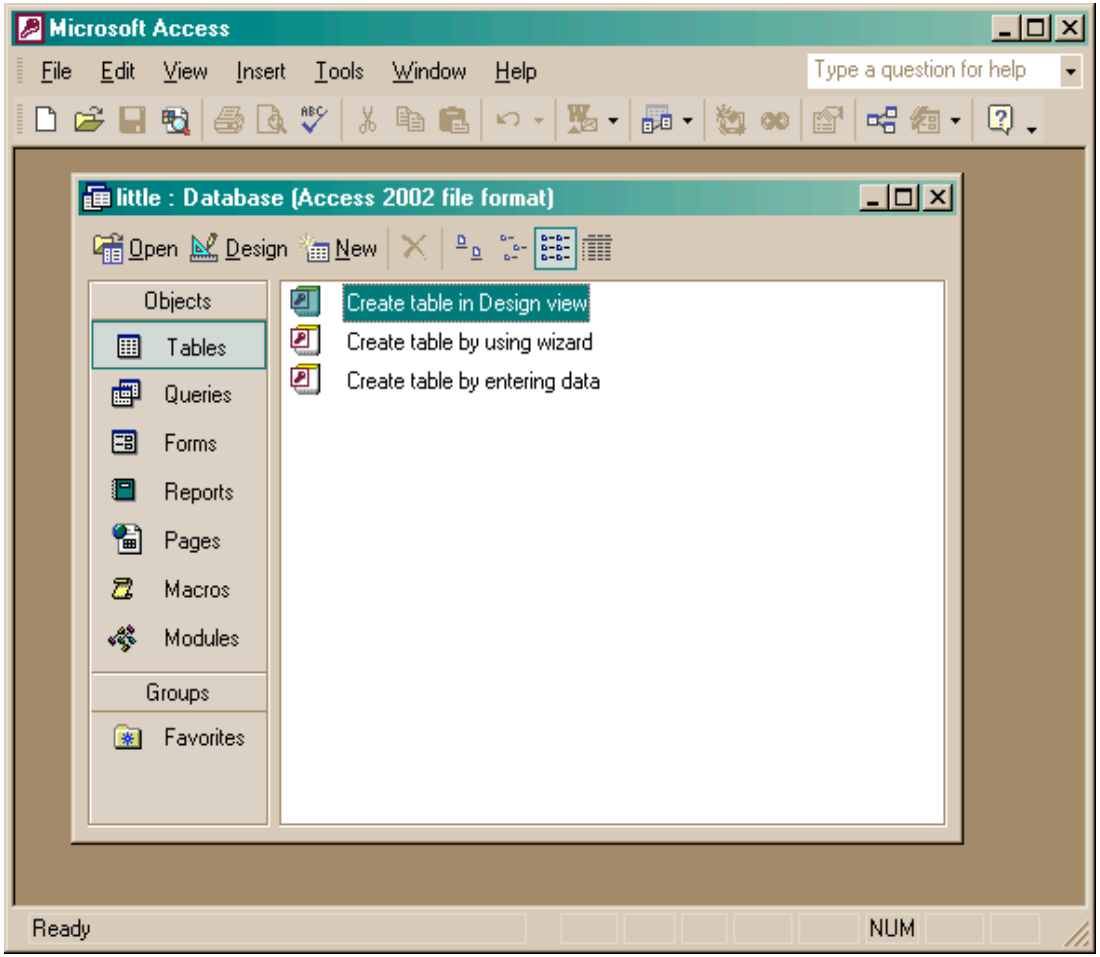


entity-relationship diagram for Library database

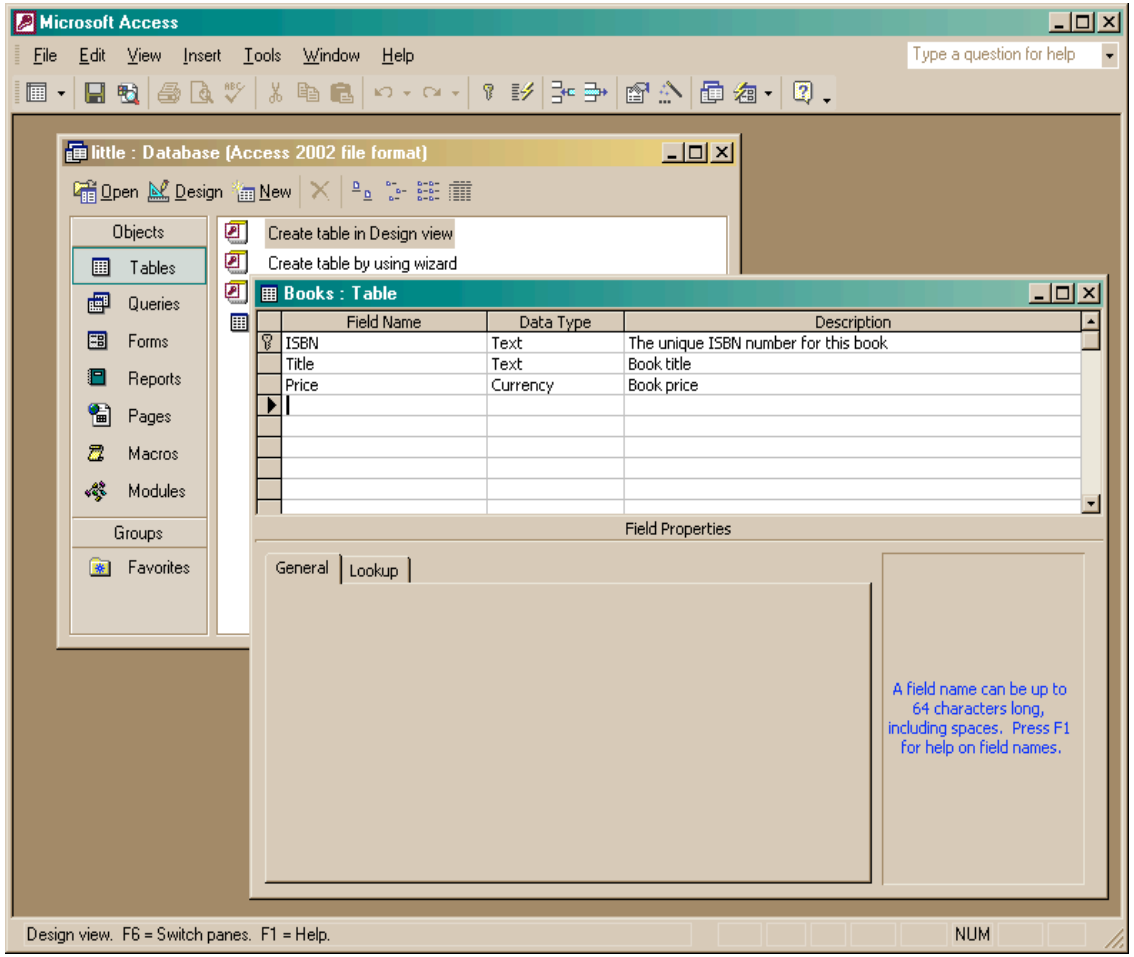
Create a new database



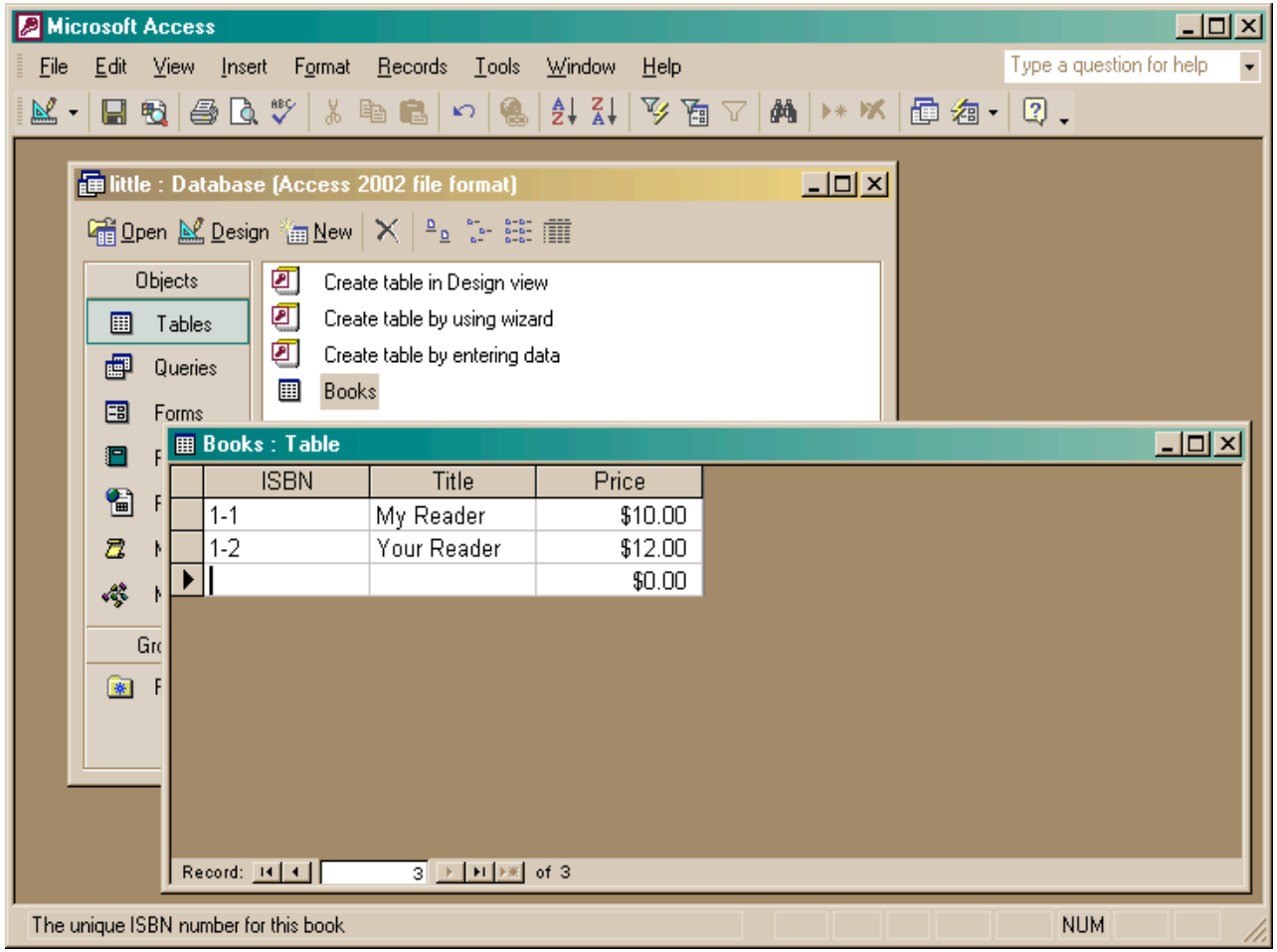
Create a new table in the database



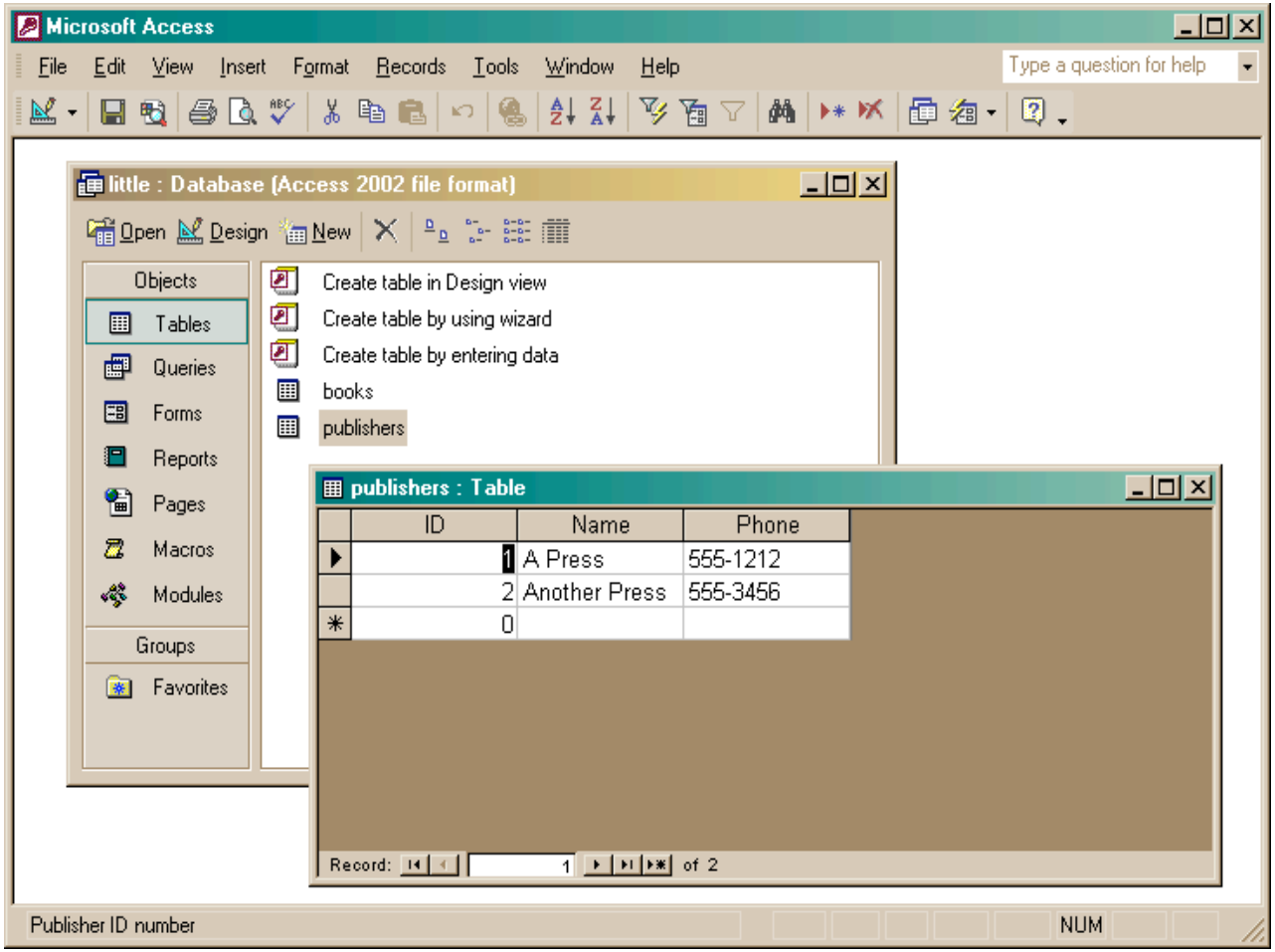
Creating a table in Design view



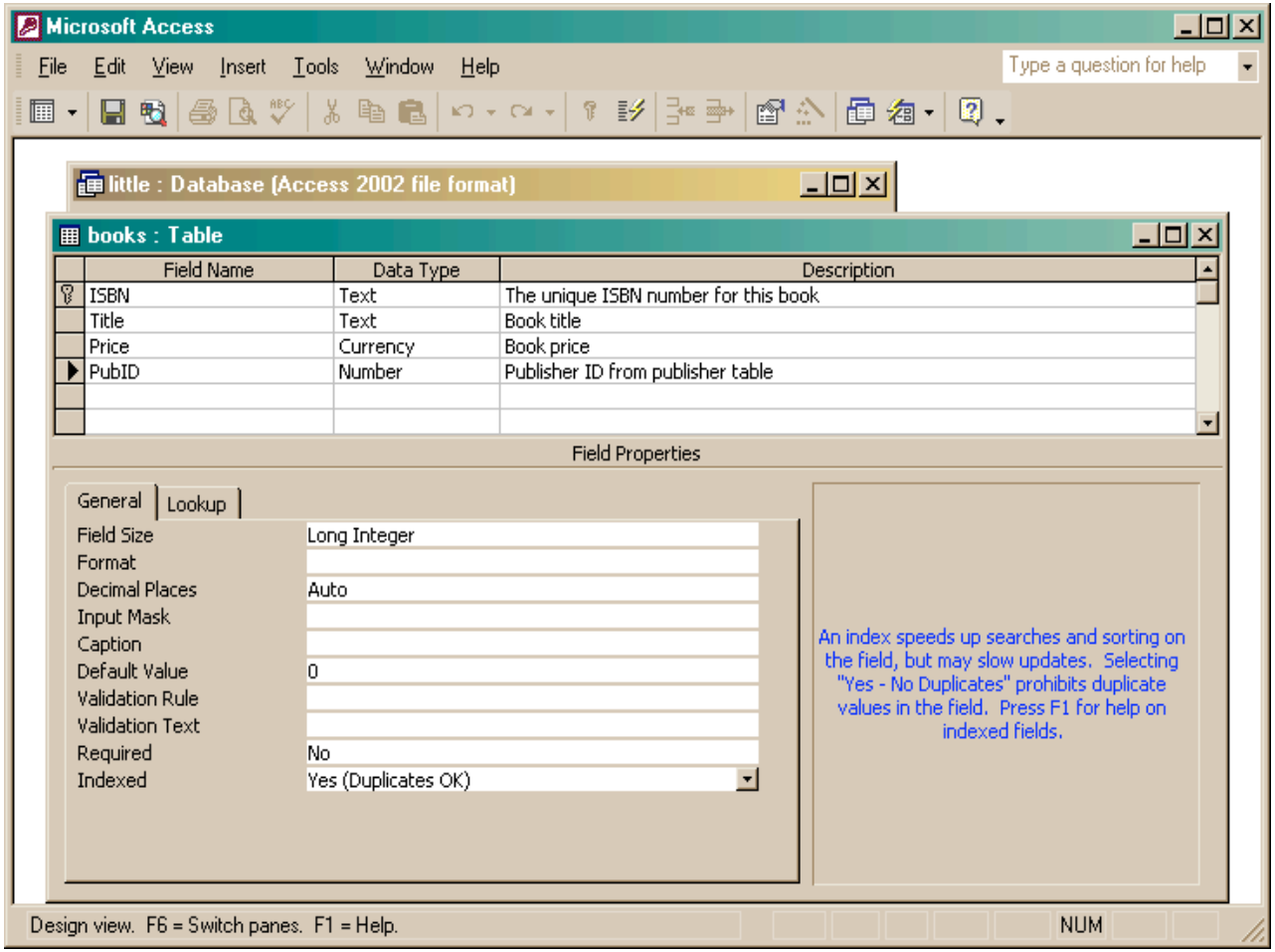
Entering Table Data



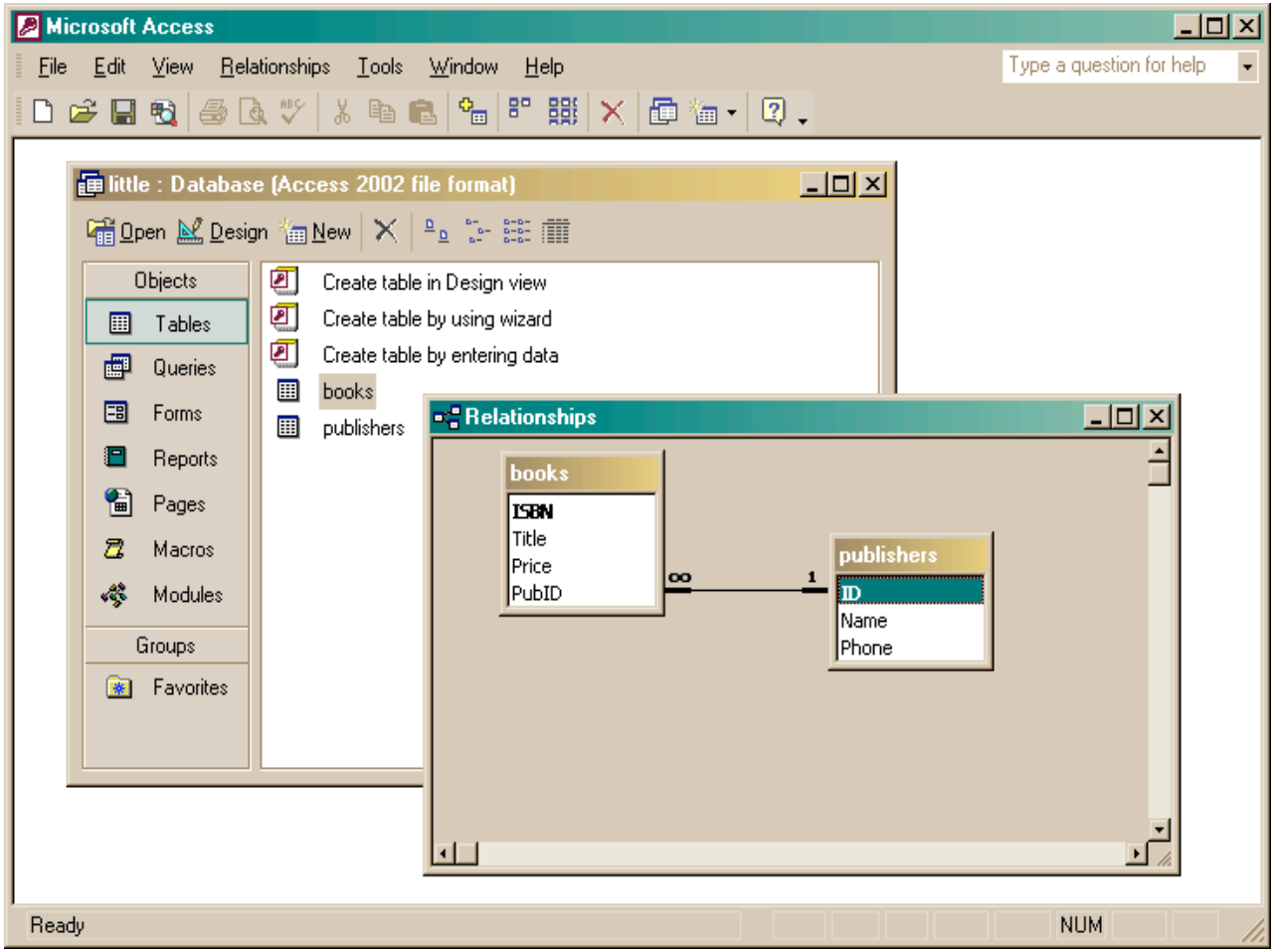
Build another table

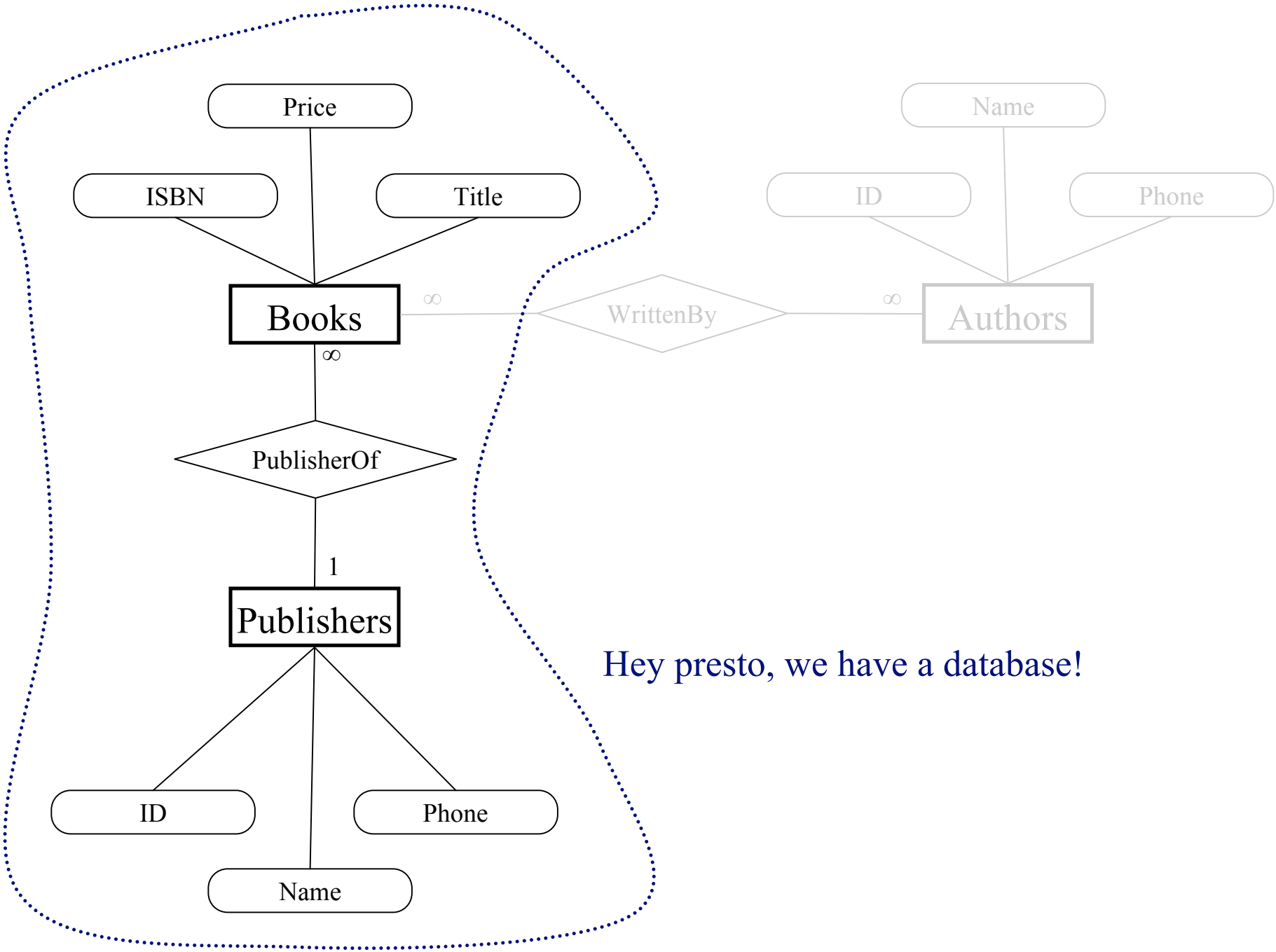


Add publisher ID to books



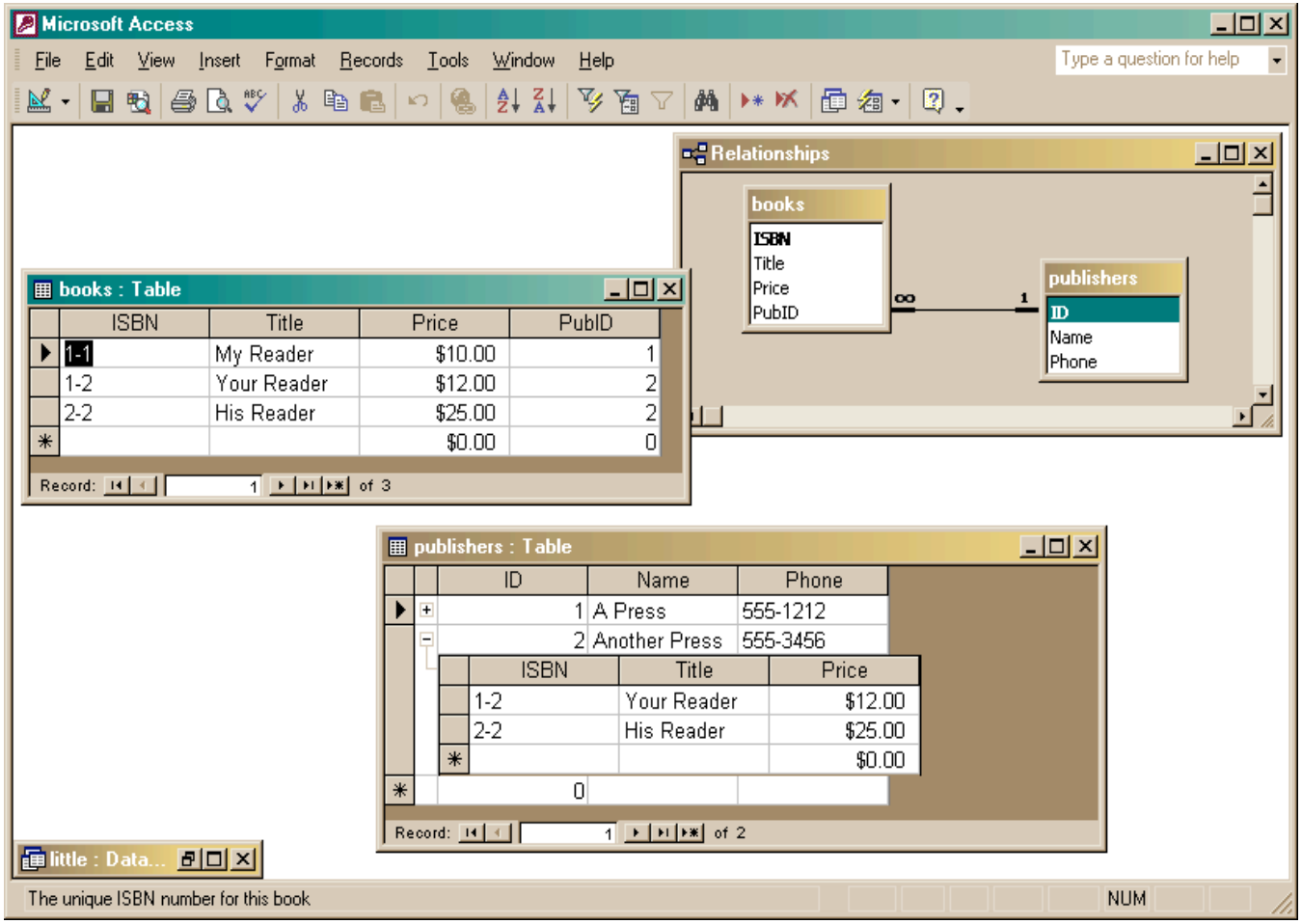
Create the link between the tables



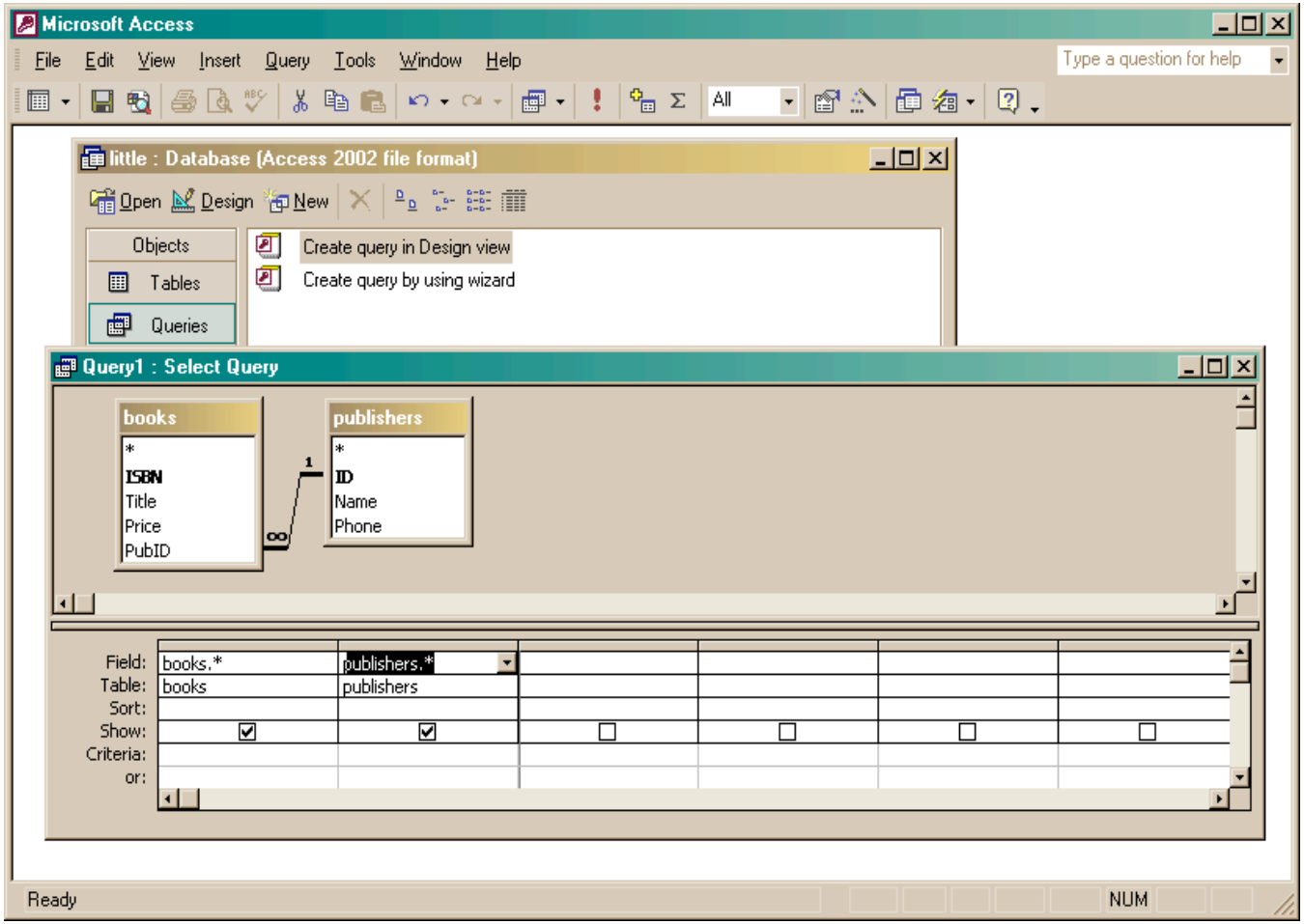


Hey presto, we have a database!

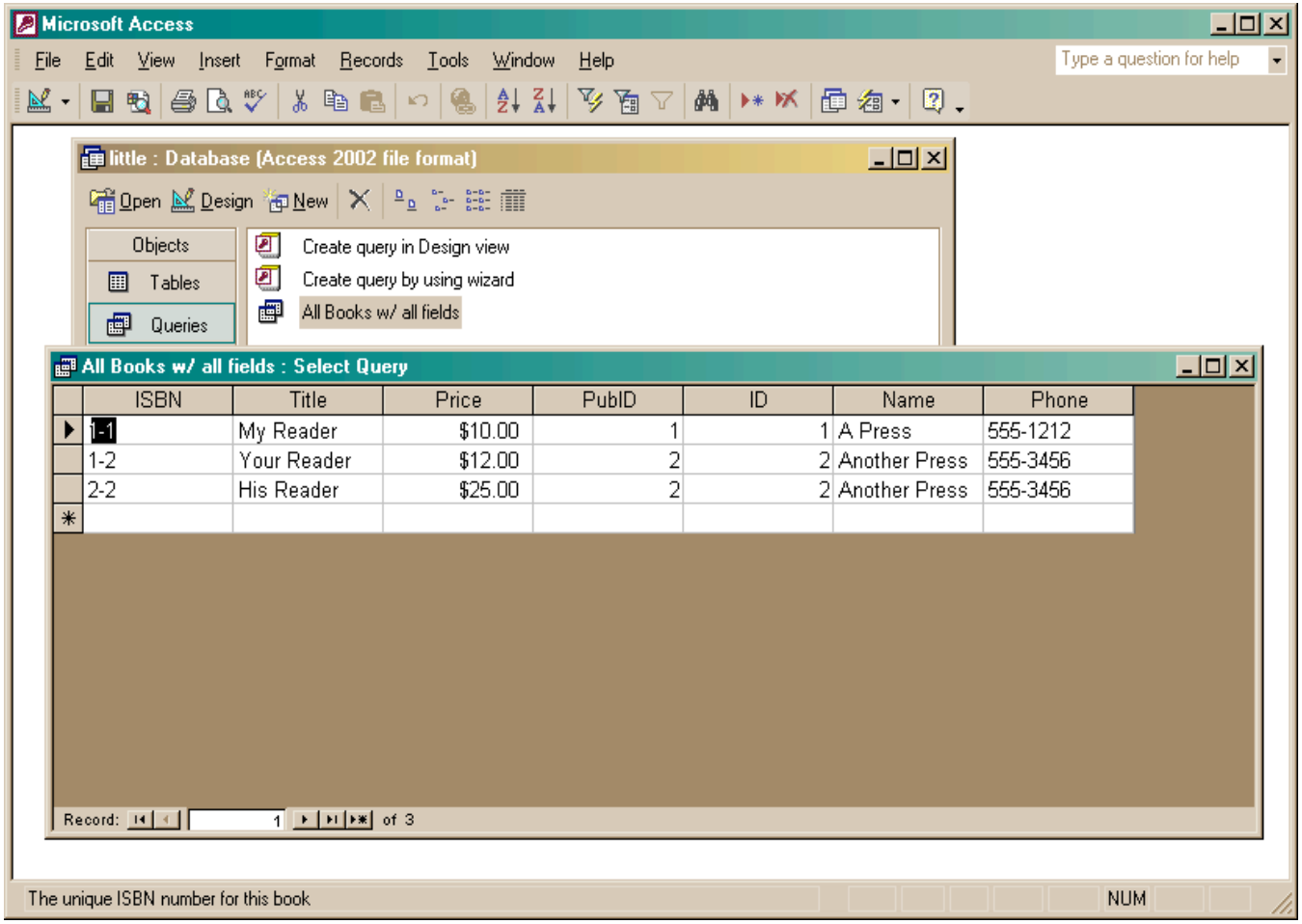
Two tables with a relationship



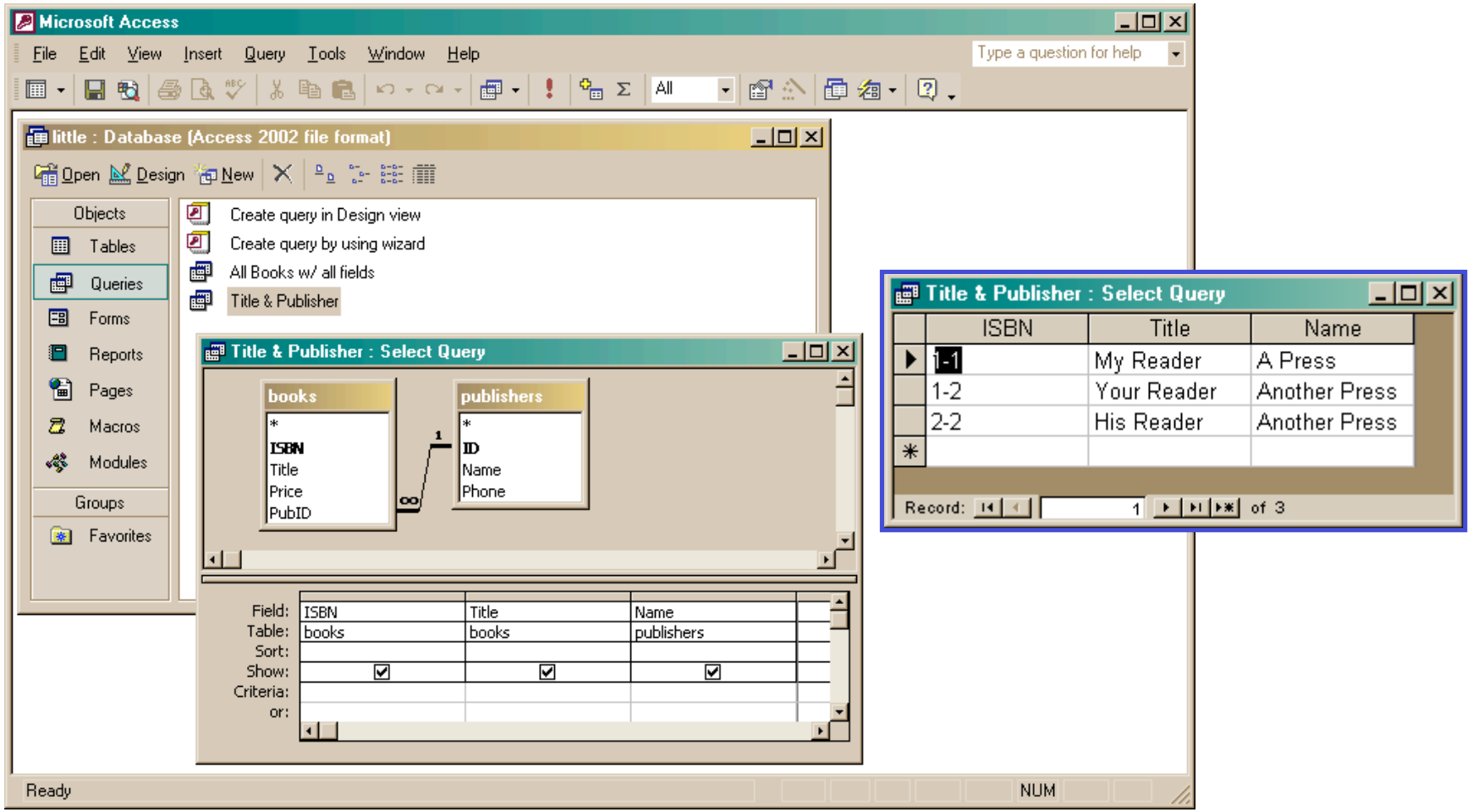
Create a query



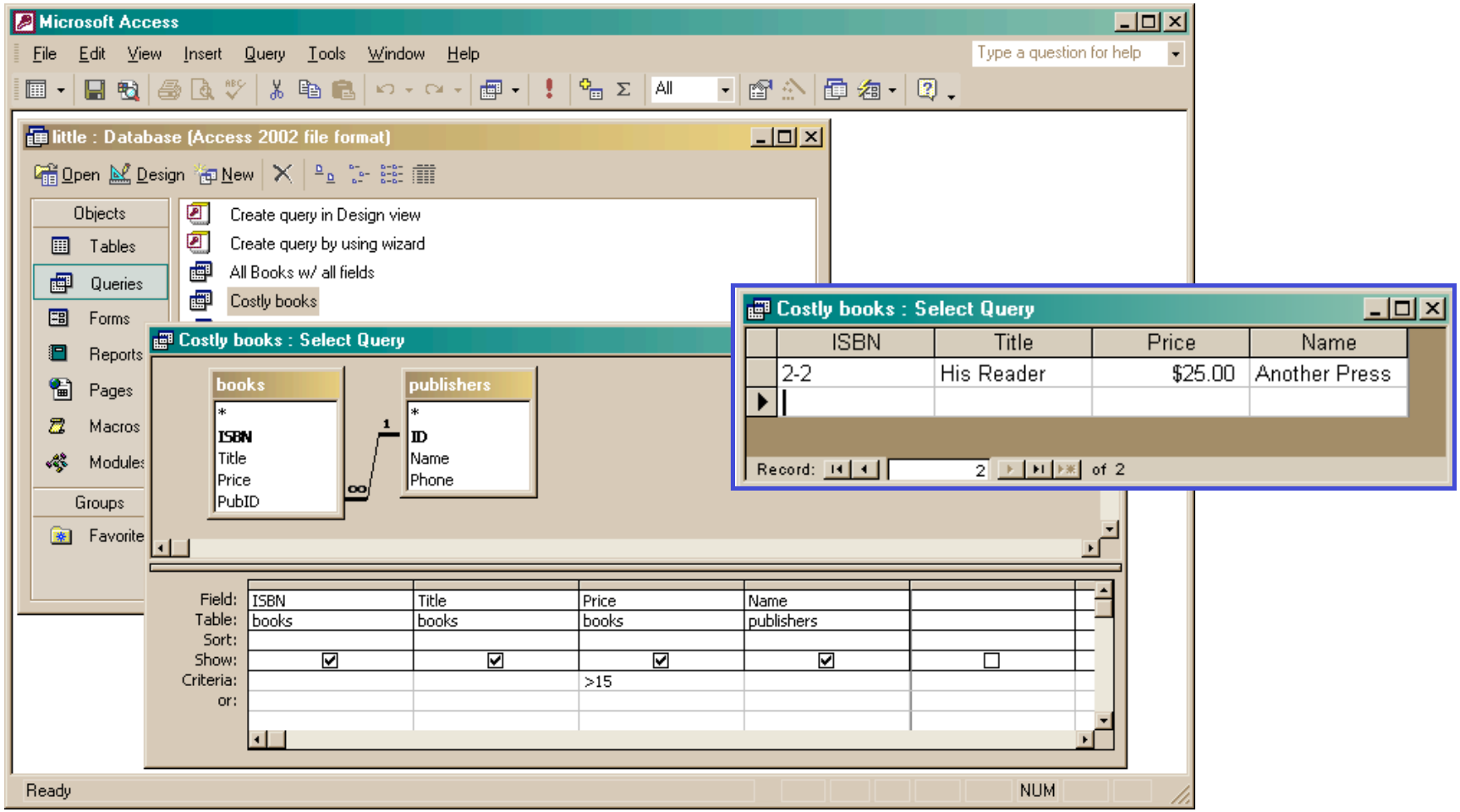
The query produces a new (virtual) table



Project (select particular columns)



Select particular rows



SQL behind the scenes