

Unit 6: RDBMS to MarkLogic



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Learning Objectives

- Map relational database terminology to its MarkLogic parallel
- Describe core differences between MarkLogic and a RDBMS
- Map SQL queries to their XQuery / XPath equivalent

Terminology Parallels

RDBMS	MarkLogic
Database	Database
Partition	Forest
Table	Collection or Directory
Index	Index
Row	Document
Column	Element or Attribute
Primary Key	Document URI
Join	Embedding or Linking

Core Differences: Schema

- Schemas not required in MarkLogic!
 - Load | Search | Manage (ACID DBMS) unstructured content
- Schemas can be implemented if desired

Steps to Implement a Schema in MarkLogic

1: Define a Schema DB	2: Load an XSD	3: Load Documents
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px;"> <p>sample.xsd</p> <pre><xs:schema targetNamespace="ABC" ... > <xs:element name="weeks" type="xs:date" ... ></pre> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Schemas</p>  </div> </div> <p style="font-size: small;">**Make sure to load XSD into Schemas database and not the content database</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">xdmp:schema-database()</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px;"> <p>doc.xml</p> <pre><rootnode xsi:schemalocation= "ABC sample.xsd" xmlns="ABC"> <weeks> 2012-01-01 </weeks> </rootnode></pre> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Content</p>  </div> </div> <p style="font-size: small;">**XML goes in the desired content DB **Reference the schema by namespace **Reference the schema by URI **Doc in same XMLNS as schema</p>

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One of the benefits of MarkLogic is that it is built for today's unstructured content and therefore doesn't require a huge investment in upfront data modeling. Simply load your content and you can still take advantage of MarkLogic's robust search capability and all the benefits of a transactional DBMS.

However, should you want to exert more control over your data, MarkLogic also supports schemas.

Core Differences: Collections

RDBMS	MarkLogic
Table	Collection or Directory

- Collections are logical groupings of documents
 - Docs can belong to many collections
 - Docs with different structure and data can be in the same collection
 - Easy to “slice” data for queries

TABLE:BOOKS	
TITLE	AUTHOR
Moby Dick	Herman Melville
A Tale of Two Cities	Charles Dickens

/books/MobyDick.xml

```
<book>
<title>
  Moby Dick
</title>
<author>
  Herman Melville
</author>
</book>
```

- Classics
- Fiction
- Nautical
- American

/books/TwoCities.xml

```
<book>
<title>
  A Tale of Two Cities
</title>
<author>
  Charles Dickens
</author>
</book>
```

- Classics
- Fiction
- Revolution
- English

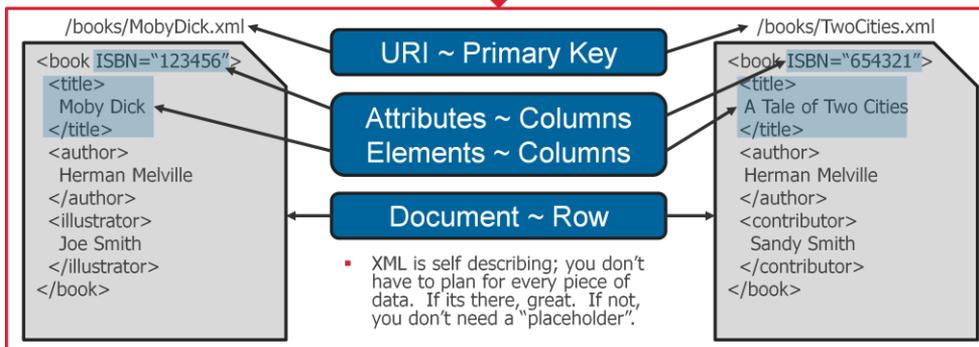
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One can think of a Table in a RDBMS as the equivalent of a Collection in MarkLogic. However, the implementation of collections does differ significantly when you dig deeper.

Collections allow us to organize documents within a database. A single documents can belong to many collections. A many documents can be in the same collection. One key difference in the table / collection analogy is that when a collection contains multiple documents, those documents do not have to contain the same structure or data types. Collections are applied to logically group your data – and are very valuable when it comes to querying your database in “slices”.

Core Differences: Self Describing

TABLE:BOOKS					
ID*	ISBN	TITLE	AUTHOR	CONTRIBUTOR	ILLUSTRATOR
111	123456	Moby Dick	Herman Melville	NULL	Joe Smith
222	654321	A Tale of Two Cities	Charles Dickens	Sandy Smith	NULL



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XML can be thought of as self describing. The structure helps to define and describe the data. But if documents vary from each other, there is no requirement to represent all the data the same between those documents.

Elements in XML are recursive, and you can have mixed content (elements mixed with text)—just like HTML. Which makes XML good for not only representing tabular data but also document-oriented data. To represent this using an RDBMS is highly impractical, entailing a ridiculous degree of "shredding" into many tables to represent what can easily be represented in one XML document.

Each document is given a URI. This is the documents unique identifier and is used in updates / deletes / etc to identify a specific document. It is like the primary key concept for a row in a relational table.

SQL to XQuery / XPath: INSERT

SQL

```
INSERT INTO BOOKS
VALUES (111, 123456, Moby
Dick, Herman Melville)
```

XQuery / XPath

```
xdmp:document-insert
("/books/MobyDick.xml",
<book ISBN="123456">
  <title>Moby Dick</title>
  <author>Herman Melville
</author>
</book>)
```

TABLE:BOOKS

ID*	ISBN	TITLE	AUTHOR
111	123456	Moby Dick	Herman Melville
222	654321	A Tale of Two Cities	Charles Dickens

/books/MobyDick.xml

```
<book ISBN="123456">
<title>
Moby Dick
</title>
<author>
Herman Melville
</author>
<illustrator>
Joe Smith
</illustrator>
</book>
```

SQL to XQuery / XPath: SELECT

SQL

```
SELECT *
FROM BOOKS
```

XQuery / XPath

```
fn:collection()/book
```

TABLE:BOOKS

ID*	ISBN	TITLE	AUTHOR
111	123456	Moby Dick	Herman Melville
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/books/MobyDick.xml

```
<book ISBN="123456">
<title>
Moby Dick
</title>
<author>
Herman Melville
</author>
<illustrator>
Joe Smith
</illustrator>
</book>
```

SQL to XQuery / XPath: SELECT

SQL

```
SELECT TITLE, AUTHOR
FROM BOOKS
```

XQuery / XPath

```
fn:collection() /
  book / (title | author)
```

TABLE:BOOKS

ID*	ISBN	TITLE	AUTHOR
111	123456	Moby Dick	Herman Melville
222	654321	A Tale of Two Cities	Charles Dickens

/books/MobyDick.xml

```
<book ISBN="123456">
  <title>
    Moby Dick
  </title>
  <author>
    Herman Melville
  </author>
  <illustrator>
    Joe Smith
  </illustrator>
</book>
```

SQL to XQuery / XPath: SELECT

SQL

```
SELECT *
FROM BOOKS
WHERE
    AUTHOR="Herman Melville"
```

XQuery / XPath

```
fn:collection()/book
[cts:contains
(author, "Herman Melville")]
```

TABLE:BOOKS

ID*	ISBN	TITLE	AUTHOR
111	123456	Moby Dick	Herman Melville
222	654321	A Tale of Two Cities	Charles Dickens

/books/MobyDick.xml

```
<book ISBN="123456">
<title>
Moby Dick
</title>
<author>
Herman Melville
</author>
<illustrator>
Joe Smith
</illustrator>
</book>
```

SQL to XQuery / XPath: SELECT

SQL

```
SELECT TITLE, AUTHOR
FROM BOOKS
WHERE
    AUTHOR="Herman Melville"
ORDER BY TITLE
```

XQuery / XPath

```
for $x in /book[cts:contains
    (author, "Herman Melville")]
    /(title|author)

order by $x/title

return $x
```

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</title>
<author>
Herman Melville
</author>
<illustrator>
Joe Smith
</illustrator>
</book>
```

SQL to XQuery / XPath: SELECT

SQL

```
SELECT *
FROM BOOKS
WHERE
    AUTHOR LIKE "%Mel%"
```

XQuery / XPath

```
/book[fn:contains(author, "Mel")]
```

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```
<book ISBN="123456">
<title>
Moby Dick
</title>
<author>
Herman Melville
</author>
<illustrator>
Joe Smith
</illustrator>
</book>
```

SQL to XQuery / XPath: UPDATE

SQL

```
UPDATE BOOKS
SET AUTHOR="H. Melville"
WHERE
    TITLE="Moby Dick"
```

XQuery / XPath

```
xmmp:node-replace
(
  fn:collection()/book
  [cts:contains(title,"Moby
  Dick")]/author,
  <author>H. Melville</author>
)
```

TABLE:BOOKS

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<book ISBN="123456">
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</title>
<author>
  Herman Melville
</author>
<illustrator>
  Joe Smith
</illustrator>
</book>
```

SQL to XQuery / XPath: DELETE

SQL

```
DELETE
FROM BOOKS
WHERE
    ISBN="123456"
```

XQuery / XPath

```
for $uri in fn:collection()/
    book[@ISBN eq "123456"]/
    base-uri(.)

return xdmp:document-delete($uri)
```

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</title>
<author>
    Herman Melville
</author>
<illustrator>
    Joe Smith
</illustrator>
</book>
```

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 - Exercise 1
 - Exercise 2