

# DW and BI Data Modeling

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#### DM-04: DW and BI Data Modeling



### Module 0. About the Course (6 min)

### Module 1. Introduction to Data Modeling (75 min)

- Data Modeling Overview
  - Three Levels of Data Models
  - Conceptual Data Model
  - Logical Data Model
  - Physical Data Model
  - Workflow
  - o Where Do We Use Data Models?
- Entity-Relationship Modeling Overview
  - o Building Blocks
  - Entity & Attribute Types
  - Relationship Cardinality
  - Relationship Types
  - o Identifying Relationship
  - Non-Identifying Mandatory Relationship
  - o Non-Identifying Optional Relationship
  - Many-to-Many Relationship
  - o Recursive Relationship
  - ER Model Example
  - Keys
  - Referential Integrity
- Normalization
  - Levels of Normalization
  - Normalizing an Entity
  - o 1NF Eliminate Repeating Groups
  - 2NF Eliminate Redundant Data
  - 3NF Eliminate Columns Not Dependent on Key
  - o Why Normalize (3NF) ?

# Module 2. Dimensional Modeling Basics (88 min)

- What is Dimensional Modeling?
- Facts
  - Keys
  - Granularity
  - Types of Facts (or Measures)
- Dimensions
  - Hierarchy
  - Keys
  - Attributes
- Schemas
  - o Star Schema
  - Snowflake
  - Multi-dimensional
  - Multi-Fact Star Models
- Entity-Relationship vs. Dimensional Modeling
  - Comparing Approaches
  - o Why Do These Structures Matter?
  - Example

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- Purpose of Dimensional Modeling
  - Mapping to a Business Report
  - Mapping to a OLAP Analysis or Excel
- Fact Tables
  - Types of Fact Tables
  - Comparison of Fact Tables
  - Conforming Dimensions
  - Conforming Facts
- Dimensional Modeling Vocabulary
  - Importance of Terminology
  - o Degenerate Dimensions
  - o Calendar Dimension
  - o Calendar Dimension Benefits
  - o Time Dimension
  - Date & Time Across Time Zones
  - Role Playing Dimensions
  - o Role Playing Dimensions Approaches
  - Event Tables
  - Event Table Example
  - Consolidated Fact Tables

# Module 3. Advanced Dimensional Modeling (84 min)

- Hierarchies
  - Balanced Hierarchies
  - Ragged Hierarchies
  - Unbalanced Hierarchies
  - o Recursive Pointer
  - o Bridge Table
  - o Bridge Table Navigation
- Slowly Changing Dimensions
  - Type 1: Overwrite Existing Data (Row)
  - Type 2: Create New Row
  - o Hybrid Approach
  - Type 3: Add a New Attribute
- Rapidly Changing Dimensions
  - o Mini-Dimension
  - Approaches
- Causal Dimensions
- Multi-Valued Dimensions
  - Bridge Table Approach
- Snowflaking
  - Snowflaking Revised
  - Hierarchical
  - Outrigger Tables
- Junk Dimensions
  - Solution Approaches
- Value Band Reporting
  - o Approaches
- Heterogeneous Products
  - Solution Approaches



## **DM-04: DW and BI Data Modeling**

- Hot Swappable Dimensions
- Too Few or Too Many DimensionsBenefits of Dimensional Modeling