

What's in the database?

EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS IN SQL



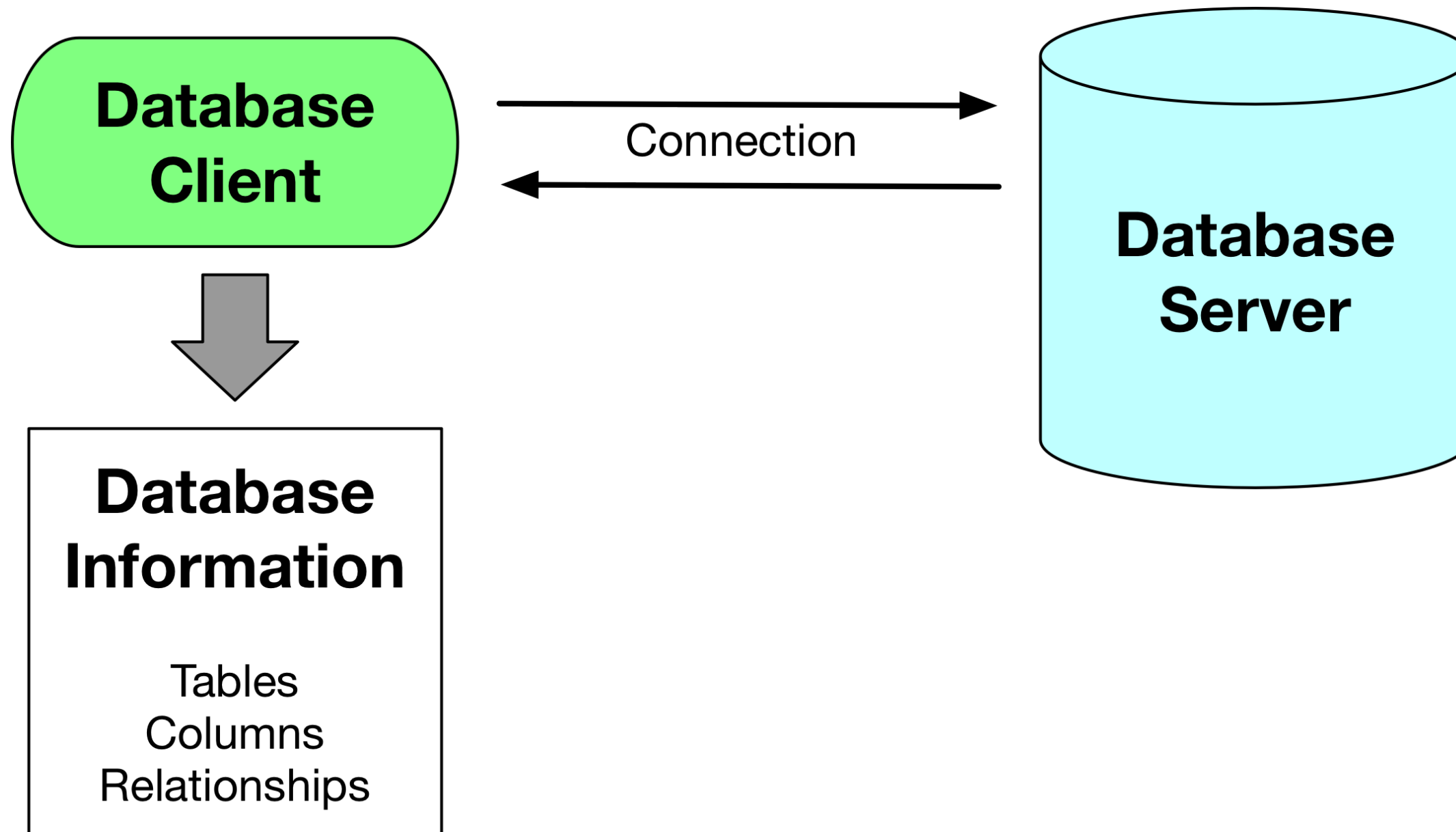
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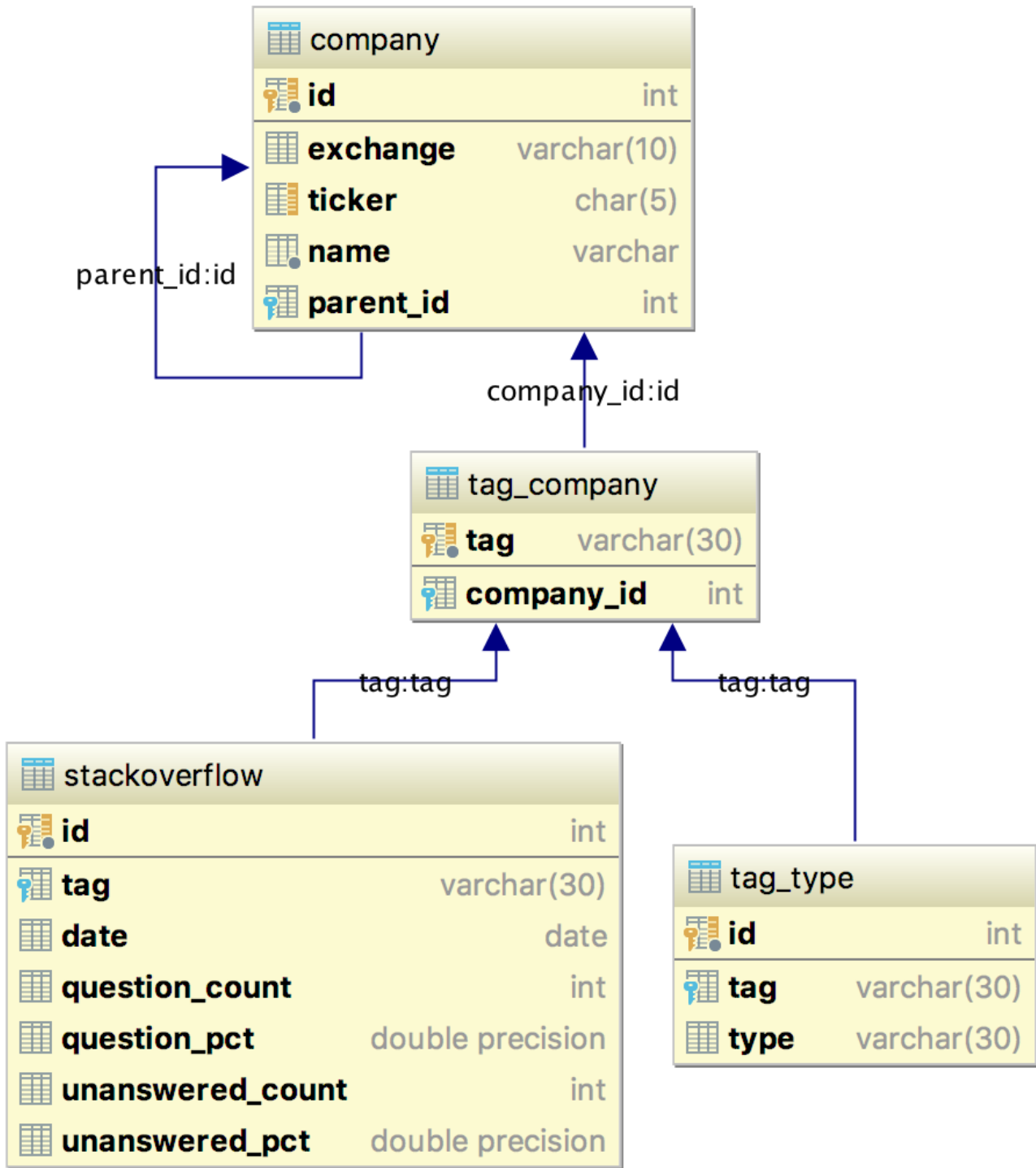


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Database client









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


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	 company	
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	 exchange	varchar(10)
	 ticker	char(5)
	 name	varchar
parent_id:id	 parent_id	int









parent_id:id





company_id:id
















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	company_id	int

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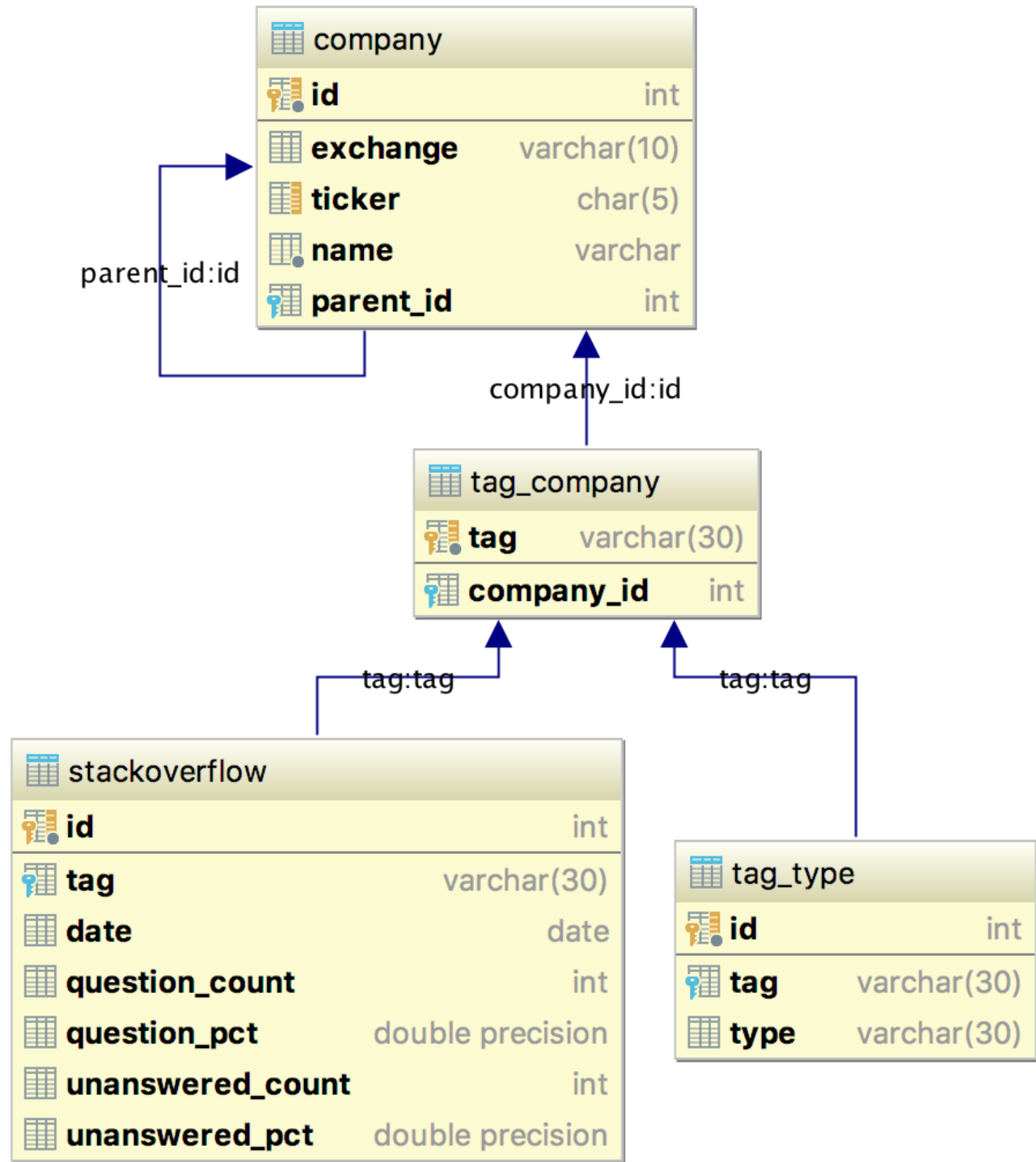
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	unanswered_count	int
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	type	varchar(30)

fortune500	
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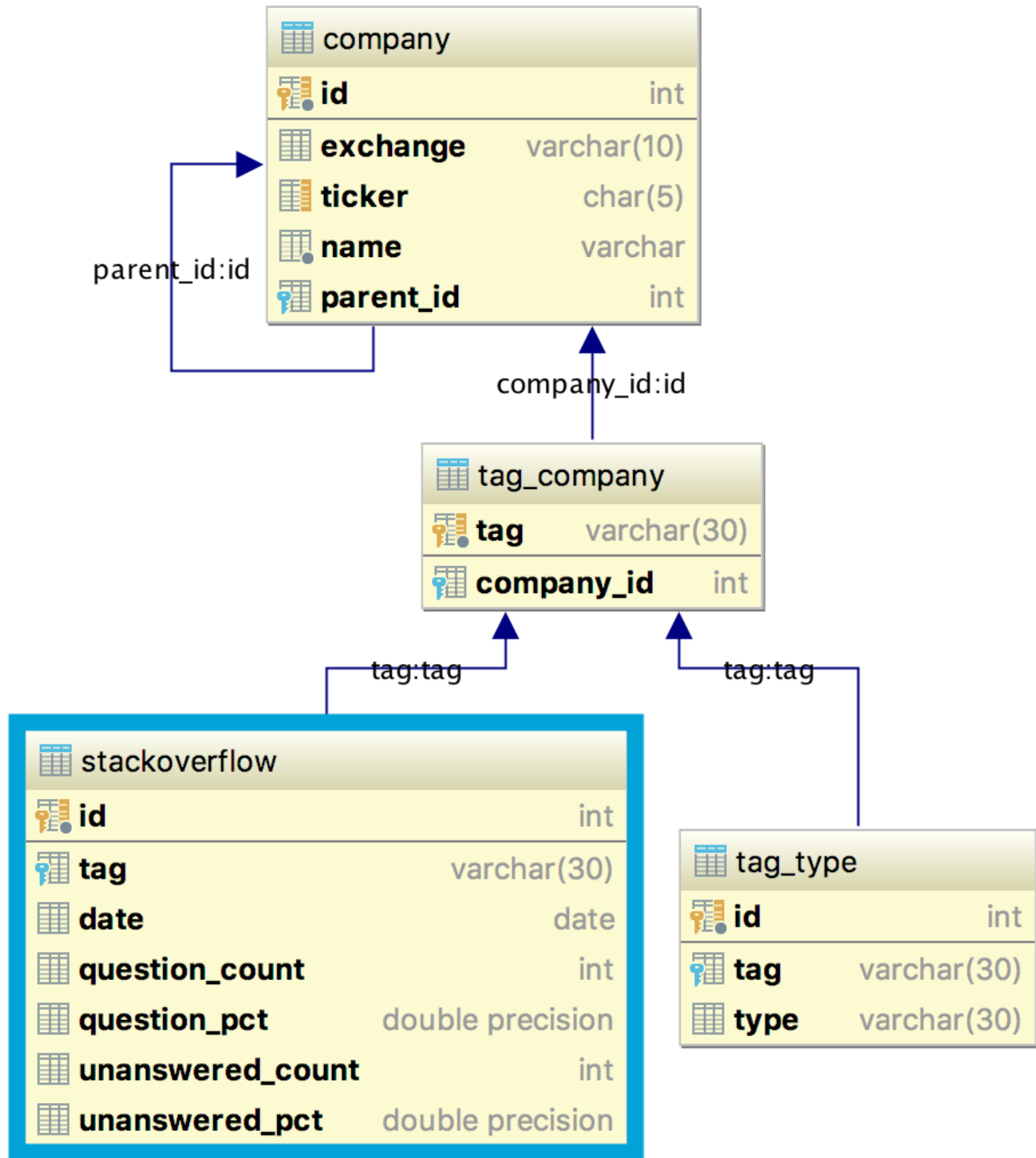
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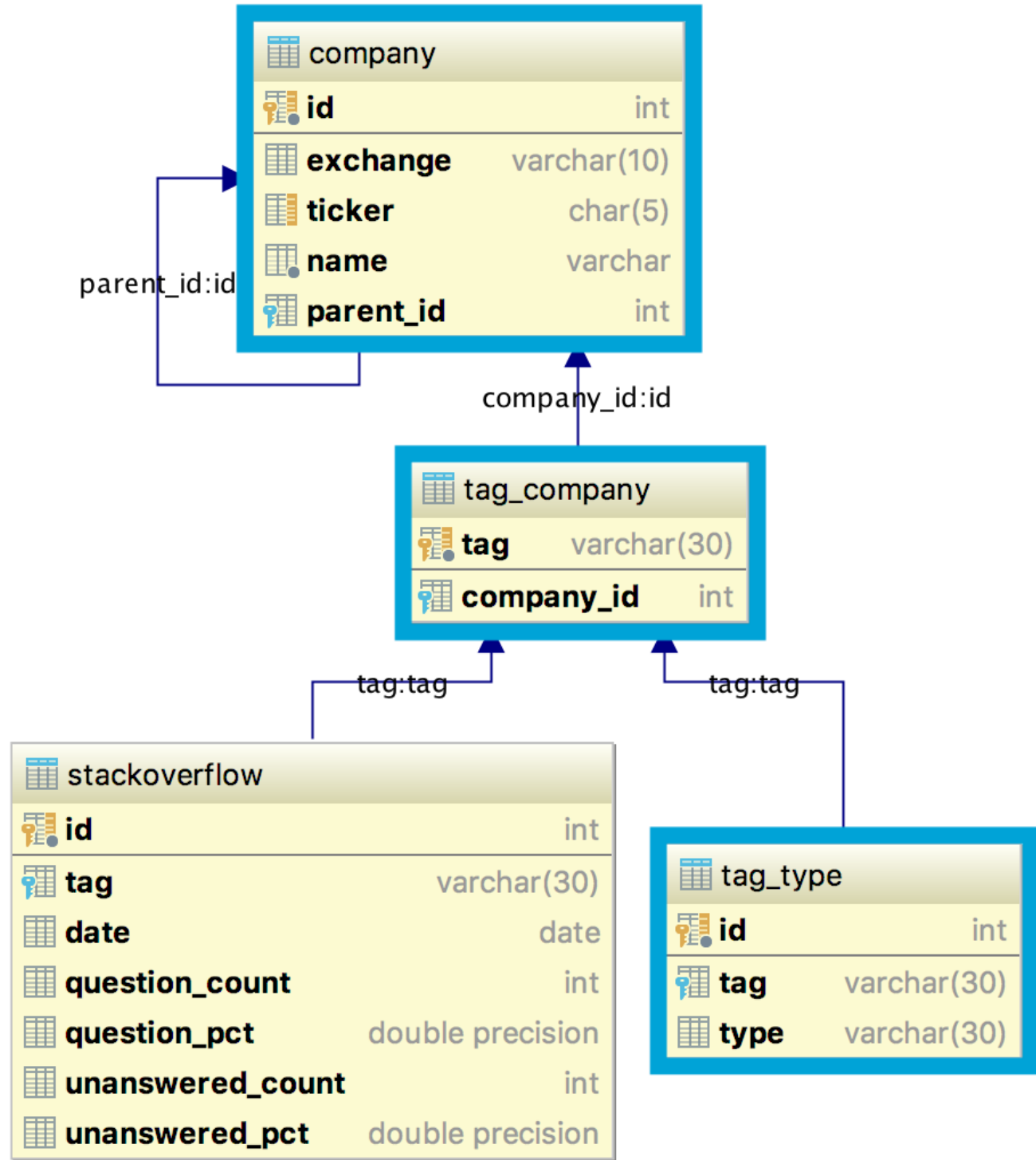
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Select a few rows

```
SELECT *  
  FROM company  
LIMIT 5;
```

```
id | exchange | ticker | name | parent_id  
--+-+-----+-----+-----+-----  
1 | nasdaq   | PYPL   | PayPal Holdings, Inc. |  
2 | nasdaq   | AMZN   | Amazon.com, Inc. |  
3 | nasdaq   | MSFT   | Microsoft Corporation |  
4 | nasdaq   | MDB     | MongoDB Inc. |  
5 | nasdaq   | DBX     | Dropbox, Inc. |  
(5 rows)
```

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<code>SELECT DISTINCT column_name ...</code>	distinct values, including <code>NULL</code>

Let's start exploring

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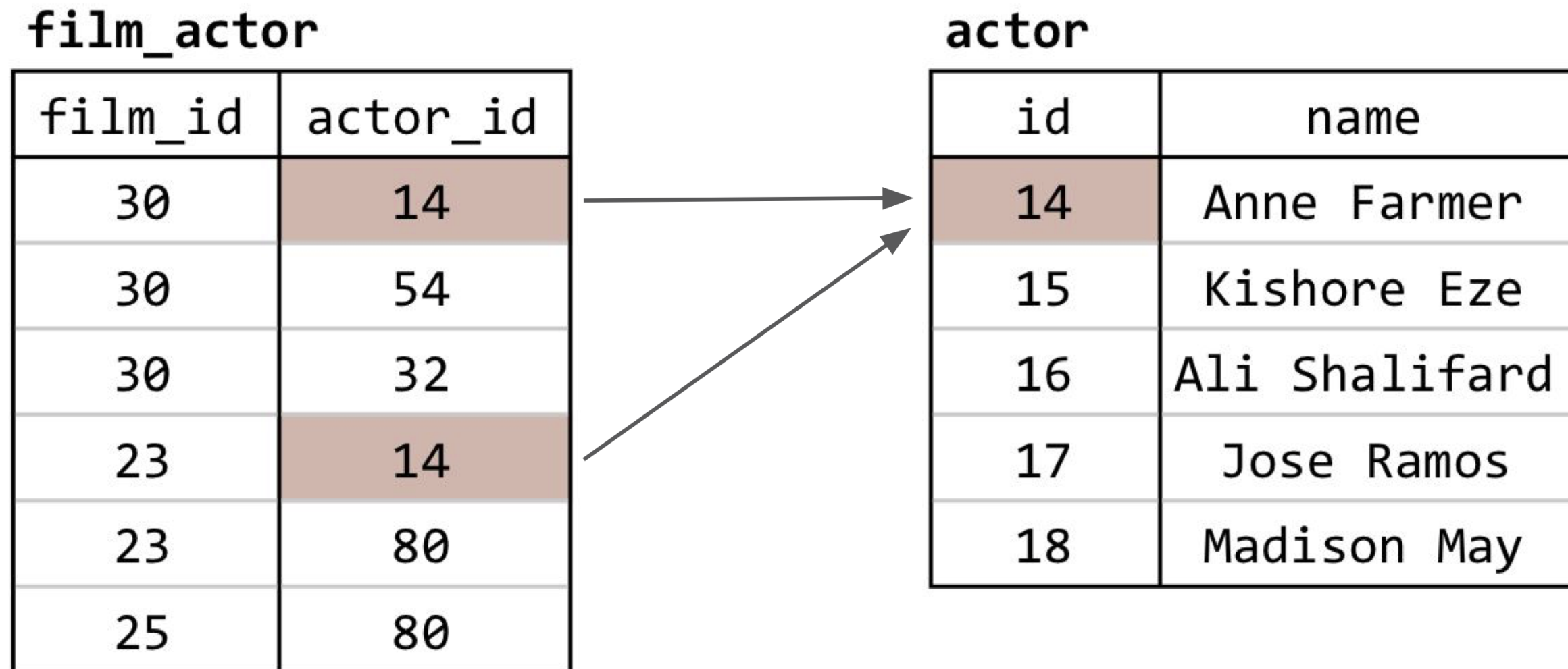
The keys to the database

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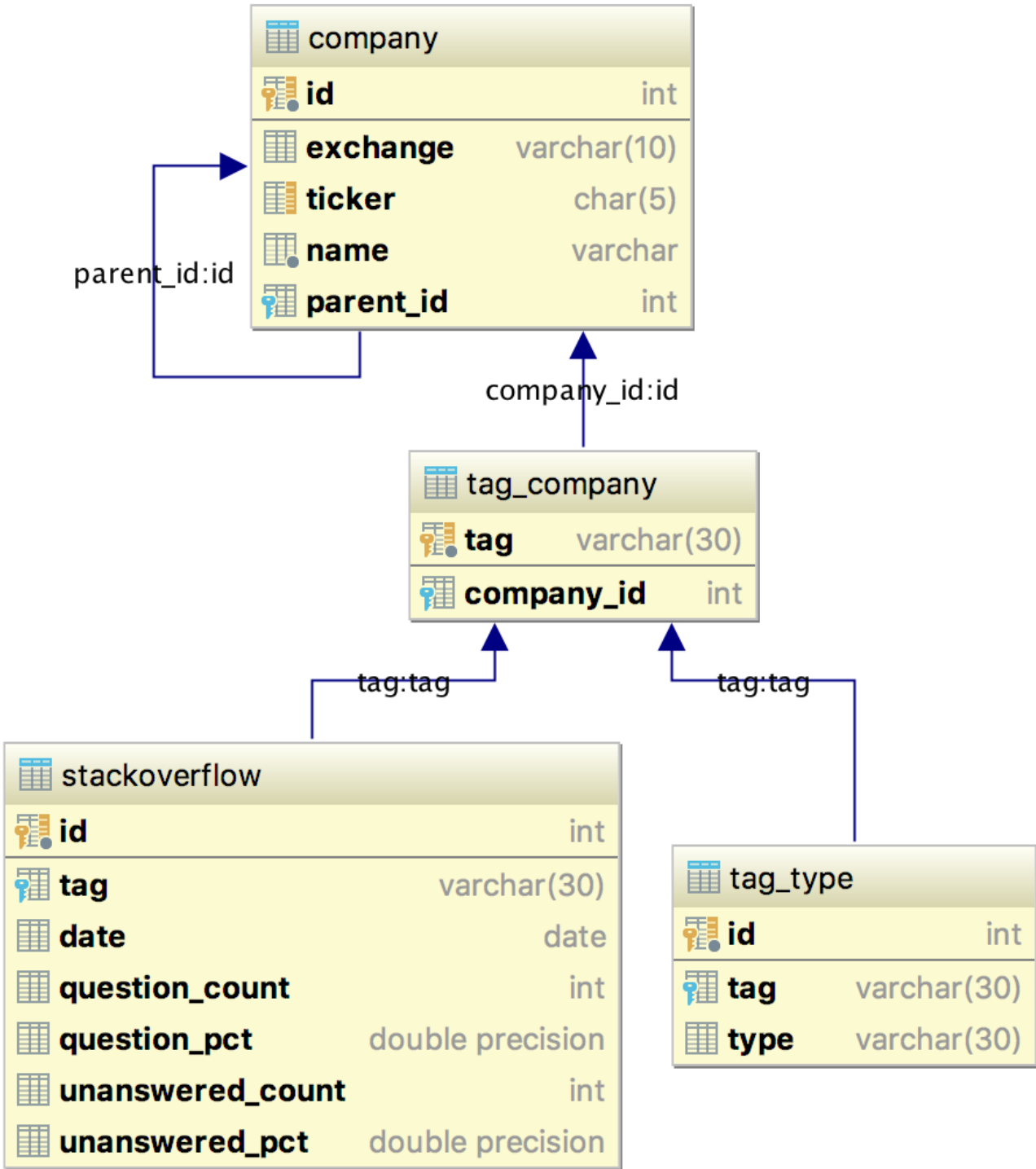
Foreign keys


















Foreign keys

- Reference another row
 - In a different table or the same table
 - Via a unique ID
 - >> Primary key column containing unique, non-NULL values
- Values restricted to values in referenced column OR NULL

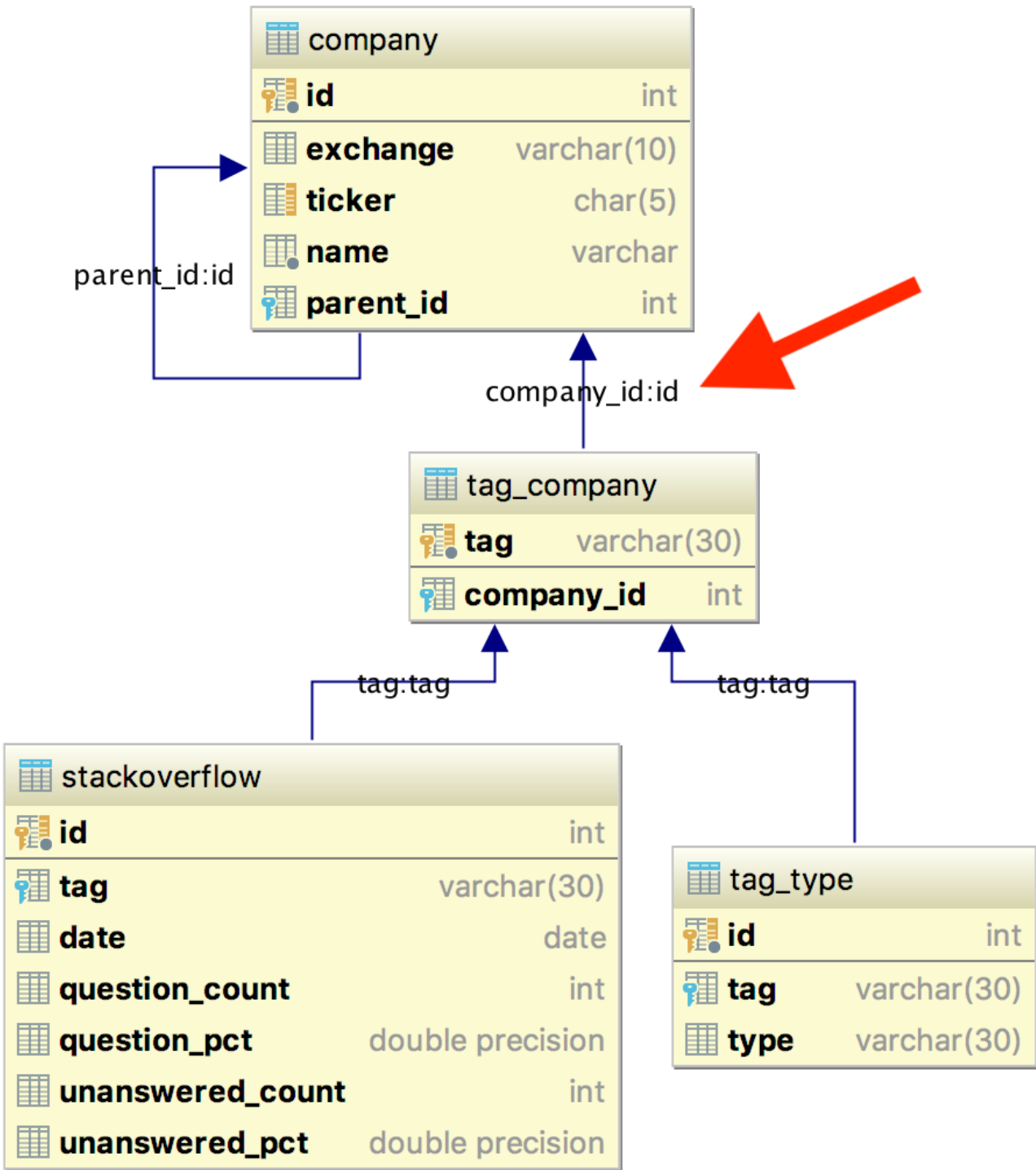
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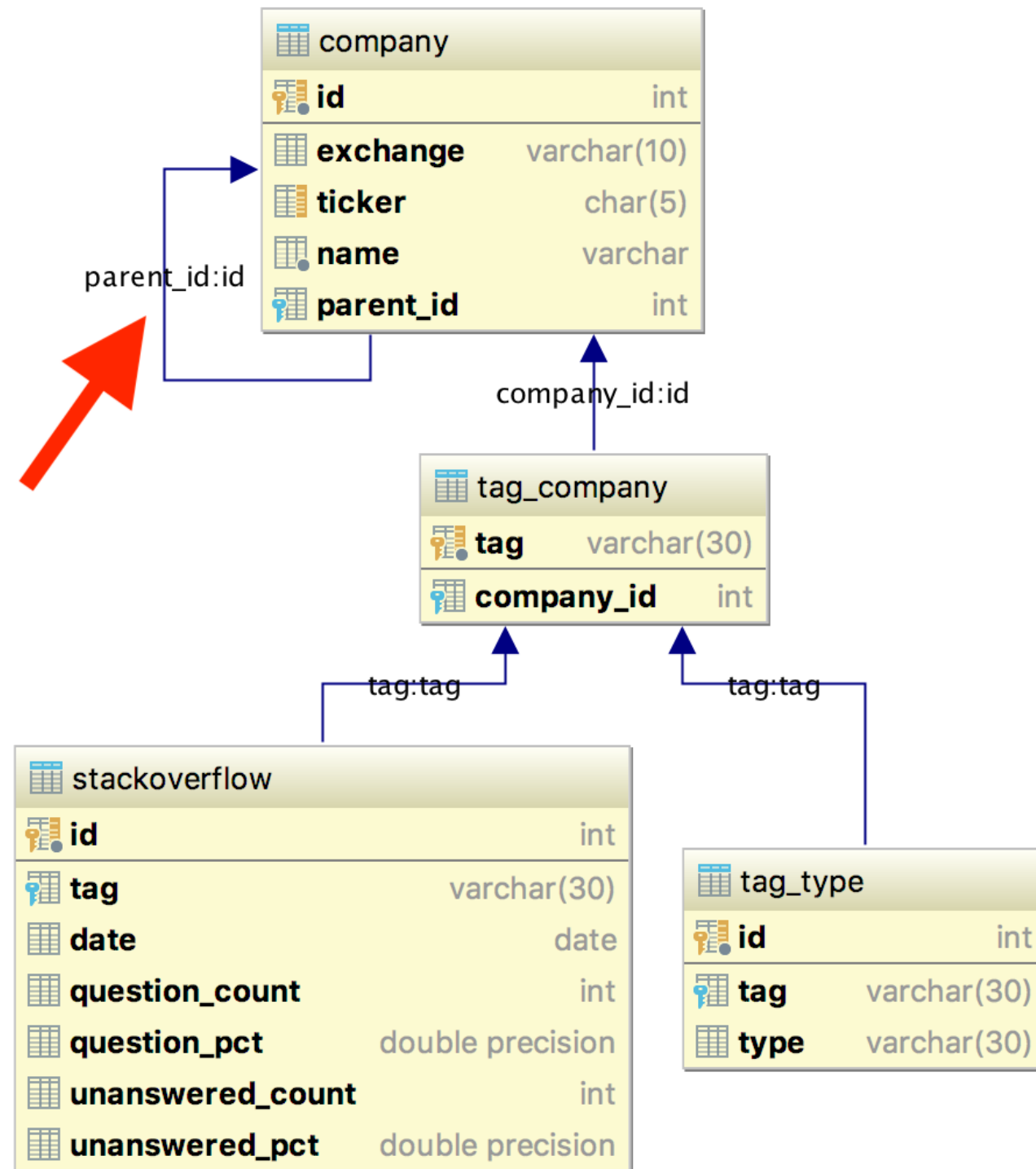
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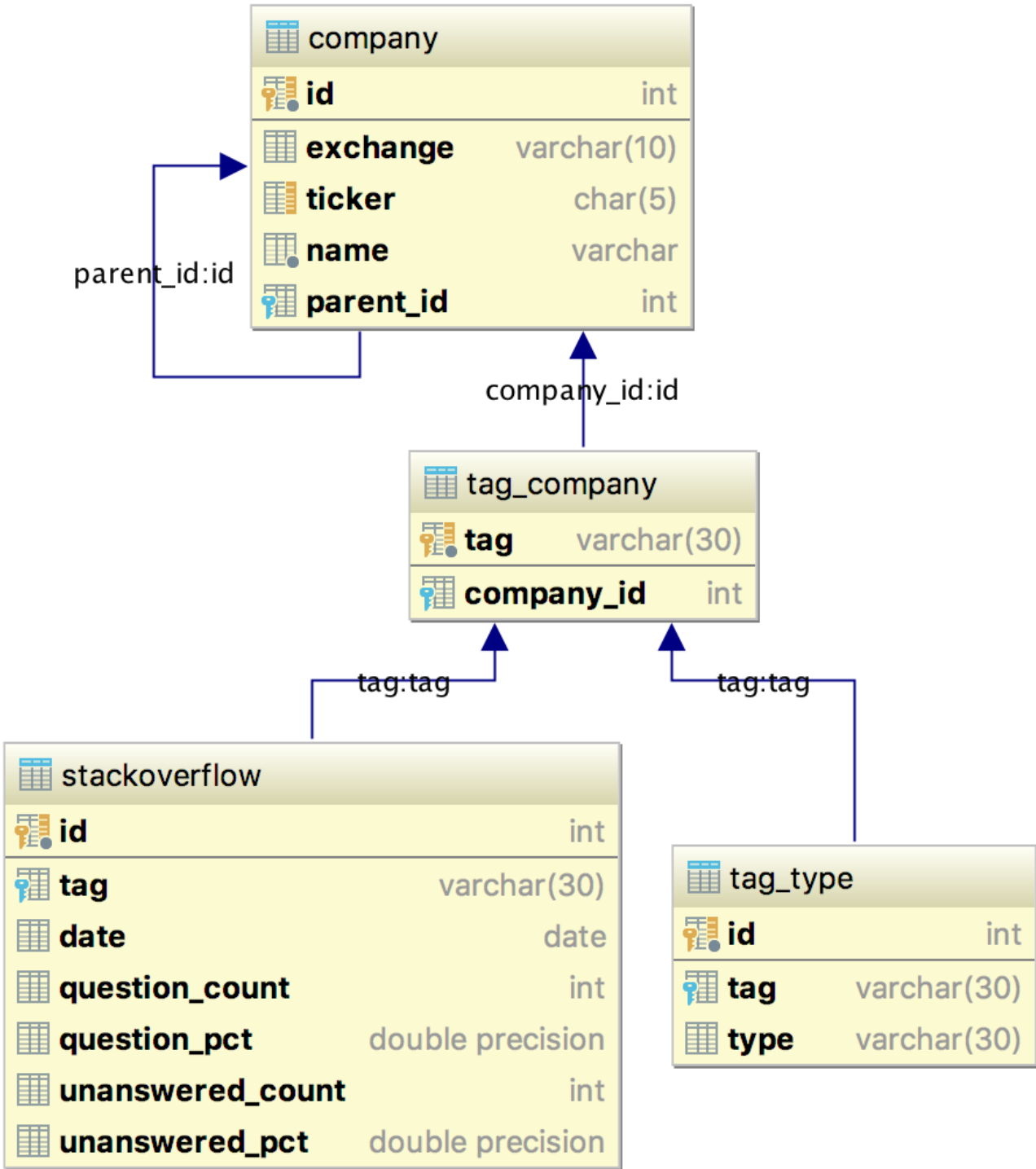
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










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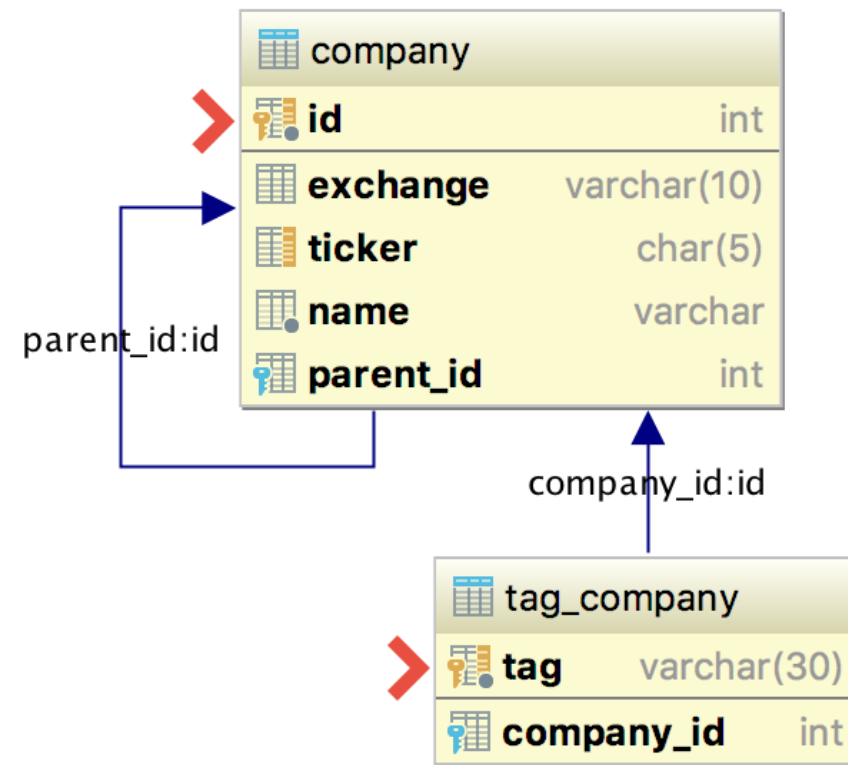
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Coalesce function

```
coalesce(value_1, value_2 [, ...])
```

- Operates row by row
- Returns first non-NULL value

Coalesce function

```
SELECT *  
FROM prices;
```

column_1	column_2
	10
22	
3	4

```
SELECT coalesce(column_1, column_2)  
FROM prices;
```

coalesce
10
22
3

Time to keep exploring!

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Column Types and Constraints

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Column constraints

- **Foreign key:** value that exists in the referenced column, or NULL
- **Primary key:** unique, not NULL
- **Unique:** values must all be different except for NULL
- **Not null:** NULL not allowed: must have a value
- **Check constraints:** conditions on the values
 - `column1 > 0`
 - `columnA > columnB`

Data types

Common

- Numeric
- Character
- Date/Time
- Boolean

Special
















- Arrays
- Monetary
- Binary
- Geometric
- Network Address
- XML
- JSON
- and more!









Numeric types: PostgreSQL documentation

Table 8-2. Numeric Types

Name	Storage Size	Description	Range
<code>smallint</code>	2 bytes	small-range integer	-32768 to +32767
<code>integer</code>	4 bytes	typical choice for integer	-2147483648 to +2147483647
<code>bigint</code>	8 bytes	large-range integer	-9223372036854775808 to +9223372036854775807
<code>decimal</code>	variable	user-specified precision, exact	up to 131072 digits before the decimal point; up to 16383 digits after the decimal point
<code>numeric</code>	variable	user-specified precision, exact	up to 131072 digits before the decimal point; up to 16383 digits after the decimal point
<code>real</code>	4 bytes	variable-precision, inexact	6 decimal digits precision
<code>double precision</code>	8 bytes	variable-precision, inexact	15 decimal digits precision
<code>smallserial</code>	2 bytes	small autoincrementing integer	1 to 32767
<code>serial</code>	4 bytes	autoincrementing integer	1 to 2147483647
<code>bigserial</code>	8 bytes	large autoincrementing integer	1 to 9223372036854775807

Types in entity relationship diagrams

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Casting with CAST()

Format

```
-- With the CAST function  
SELECT CAST (value AS new_type);
```

Examples

```
-- Cast 3.7 as an integer  
SELECT CAST (3.7 AS integer);
```

```
4
```

```
-- Cast a column called total as an integer  
SELECT CAST (total AS integer)  
FROM prices;
```

Casting with ::

Format

```
-- With :: notation  
SELECT value::new_type;
```

Examples

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-- Cast 3.7 as an integer  
SELECT 3.7::integer;
```

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SELECT total::integer  
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Time to practice!

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