Exercise

# What is a database?

Databases are made of tables, which are made of columns and rows of data.

In today's data-driven world, there is not much of our modern lives that isn't run by databases.

Think about some examples in your life where you are accessing information stored in a database. For example: pulling up order information and customer details at work, searching for items to buy in an online store, or using an ATM to check your bank balance.

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If you’d like to learn more about the history of databases and the different database management systems covered in the video, head over to the [Database page](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Database) on Wikipedia and give it a quick read.