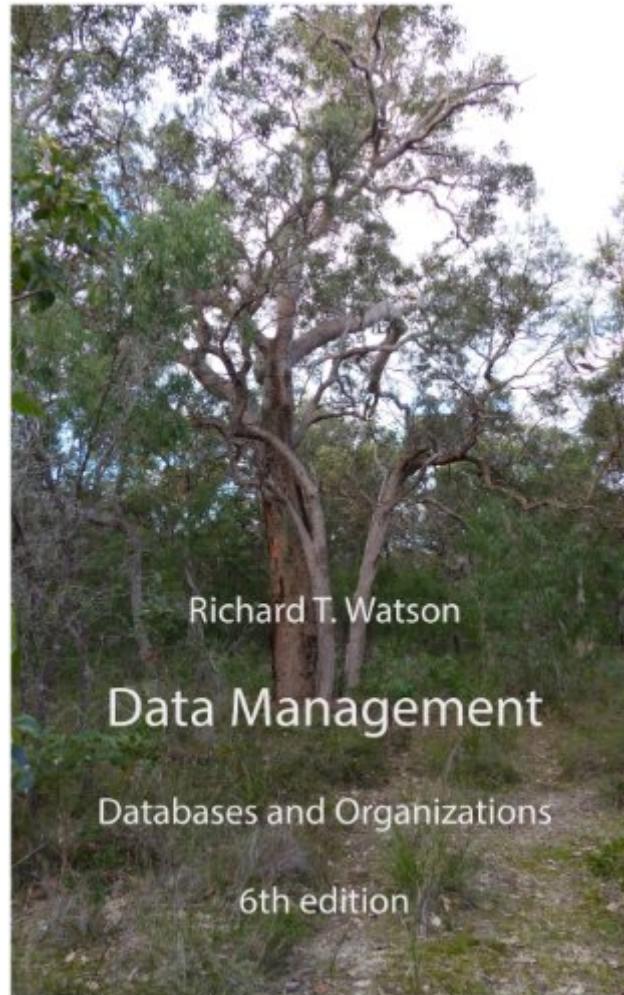


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# Data Management



## Synopsis

Data Management offers an in-depth, fully integrated coverage of data modeling and SQL that distinguishes it from other texts on this topic. The intertwining of data modeling and SQL is pedagogically effective in providing students with the essential skills for data analytics. The 6th edition has been enhanced to reflect the current demand for data analysis skills, and it now includes chapters on R, data visualization, text mining, and Hadoop distributed file system and MapReduce. The managerial perspective of the book makes it very appropriate for information systems students and professionals seeking data analytic skills. See the book's web site at <http://richardtwatson.com/dm6e/>

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## Customer Reviews

I came across this book while searching for a textbook for my introductory course to DB. This book is of an extreme value. It is a comprehensive reference for traditional relational data modeling and SQL and also contains updated advanced material on data mining, natural language processing, visualization and big data. What I also like about the book is that it blends theory and practice of data modeling and SQL. Each chapter in the first part of the book starts with a data modeling concept

(i.e. single entity, one-many, many-many etc...) and then shows how to implement it and perform queries with SQL. The companion website includes all slides, datasets, and partial solutions of the exercises. All of that for \$10 with Kindle, I can't ask for more. This is a must for database students and practitioners as well.

This is the worst textbook I've ever had to use. It's unnecessarily wordy, full of grammatical and formatting errors (in one part of the book, the same paragraph was printed twice in a row; in another, the book said that there were three reasons for something and then proceeded to list four - and there are similar errors splattered throughout the entire book), and extremely hard to navigate. I have better luck jumping around randomly in the book in search of a section than I do trying to actually use the search function to find it. The author jumps around from subject to subject in a way that makes it hard to understand; it's almost like he put a bunch of SQL concepts in a hat and randomly drew a couple for each chapter he wrote. Furthermore, there is some weird story about a lady named Alice mixed in with the chapters in what I perceive to be an attempt to make the book slightly more interesting. I assume that my professor is personal friends with the author, because that's the only reason I could think of for any professor to choose this book as a class textbook. The reason I gave it two stars instead of one is because the book has been useful in the context of my Database Management class, and it has been genuinely entertaining to read a textbook so poorly written. However, unless you are absolutely required to have this textbook for your class, I'd recommend against buying it. I'm sure there are much better-written SQL books out there that will teach you a lot more.

I use this book, and have done so for years, in an MSc course for students from all sciences that want to acquire literacy on database design and SQL. The students like it and it allows them to work quite independently, having both a leisurely pace and enough depth. The author keeps it up to date, too. It's not at its strongest as a reference; but since SQL versions differ and change, that might be too much to ask.

It's definitely passable, and some of the homework questions were really fun to think about and answer (they were written in such a lighthearted tone), but overall the book organized information in some counter-intuitive ways and was more verbose than it needed to be.

Although the information contained is valid and helpful, I can find no logical way to locate that

information. The Kindle version is very difficult to navigate, (location values instead of page numbers). I had a classmate with the printed version ask me for help in locating a specific exercise in a specific chapter. I couldn't do it because her version (printed) had page numbers for reference, and my version (Kindle) had location values. I have been hesitant to purchase a Kindle product and after seeing how this text is presented in the Kindle app for Windows, I'll pass. The reason I purchased the Kindle version is because it is "Required" under my educational program. In summary, the information is valid, but the presentation sucks.

I bought this just for the course I have in university but its a really nice book and ideal for someone that has no clue about databases.. i'll tell you more after seeing the results on my exams though :p

I used an earlier (hardback) version of this text in grad school. The e-version is still a great read for understanding the basics of data management as well as a handy reference for some of the more challenging SQL tasks.

Have been using this book for teaching and for personal reference for years. If only all textbook authors were as clear as Watson. Bought Kindle version to stay current with updates.

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