Relational Modeling

Big Data Systems

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Motivation (for this course)

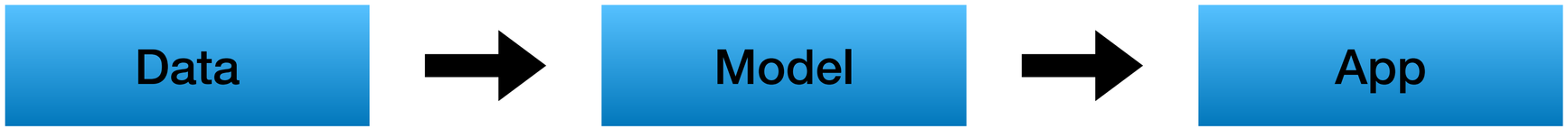
- Data modeling is an important process when creating a relational database

- Data modeling is **the most important** process when creating a **big data database**

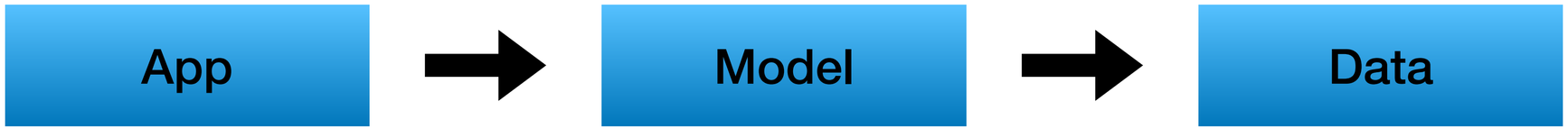
- Modeling for NoSQL is “different” than relational
  understanding relational modeling in crucial for wide column modeling

Relational vs NoSQL - design

- Relational
  focus on entities



- NoSQL
  focus on queries



Relational data modeling

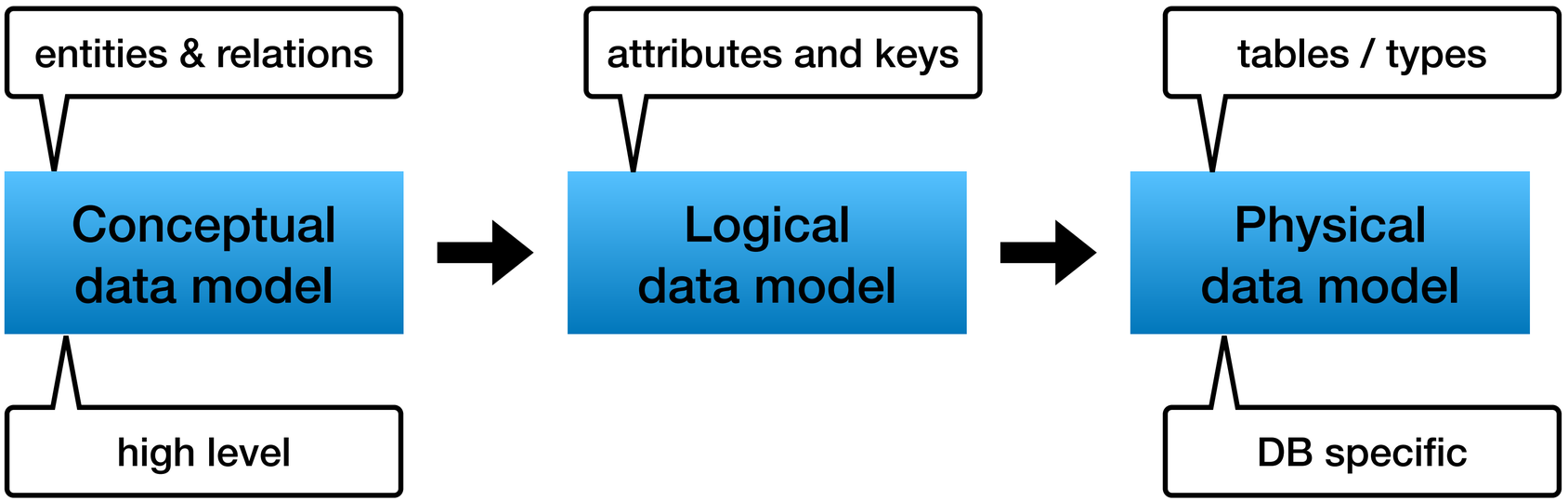
Modeling is an Art

- Multiple ways to solve design problems
- Uncommon use case —> think out of the box

Relational Modeling - general steps

- Map conceptual entities, attributes and their relations
- Map primary and foreign keys
- Define data types
- Create tables

Relational Modeling - 10,000 foot view



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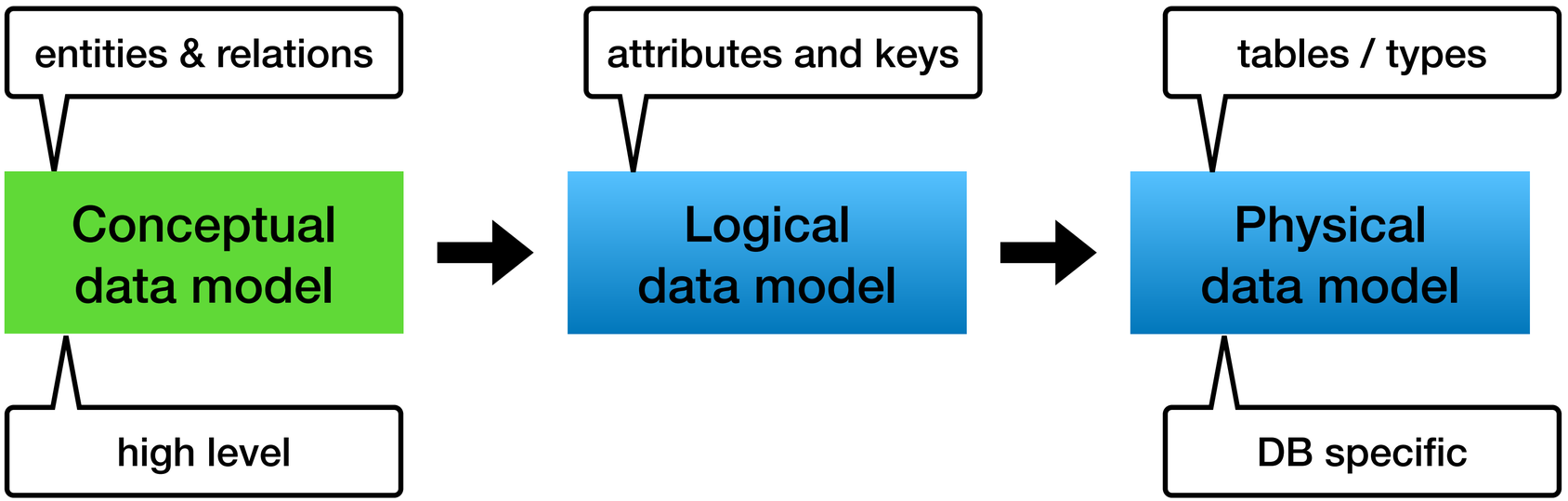


Conceptual data model

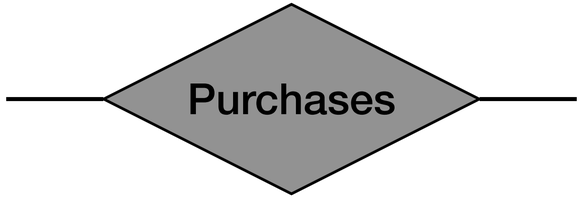
- Abstract view of the world
  server and database types are irrelevant
- Can be defined by non technical teams
  not really in reality…
- Entity / Relationship model (ER)

ER Model

- Entities

- Attributes

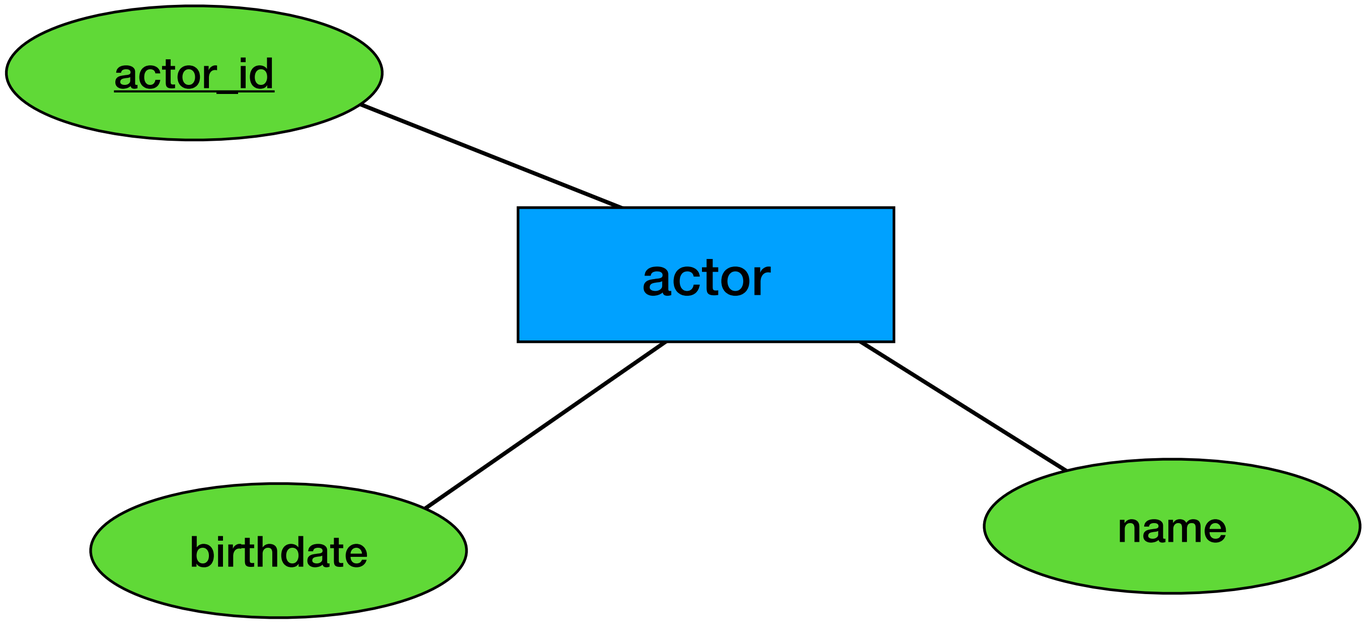
- Relations
  between entities



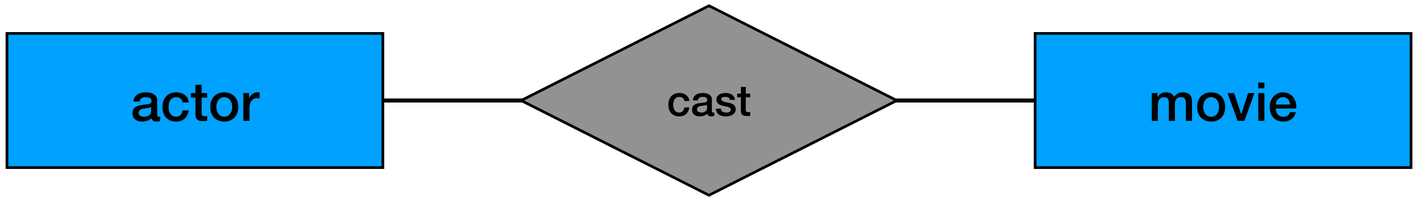
* There are more types like ISA (is a)

Entity

- Each entity must have a key

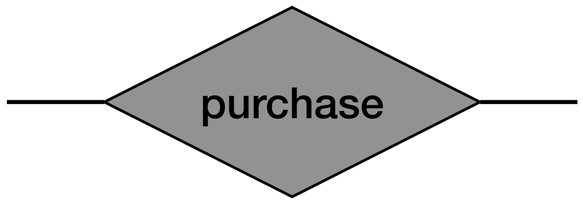


Relation (between entities)



Cardinality (of relation)

- cardinality is the number of occurrences in one entity which are associated to the number of occurrences in another



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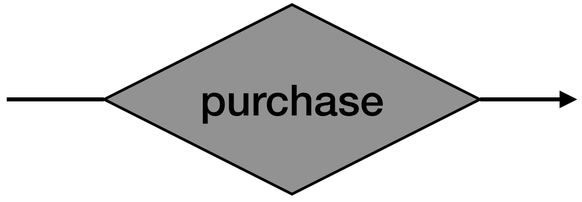

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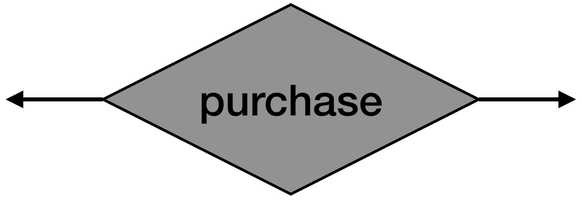

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Many to Many

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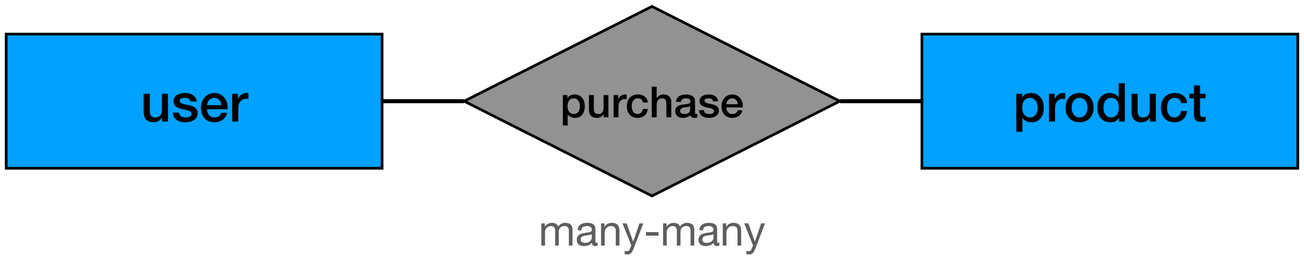

Each user can buy many products
(but each product only once)

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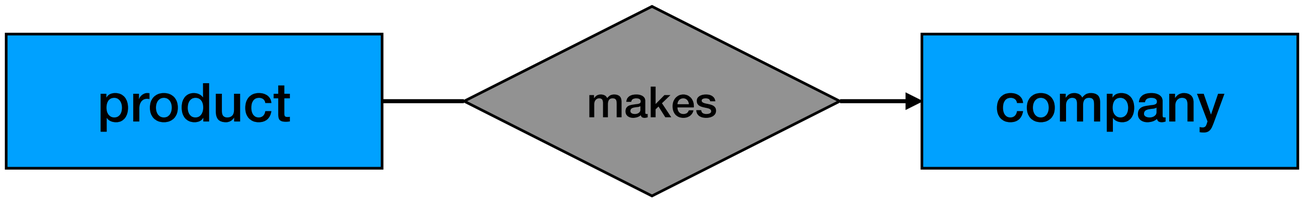

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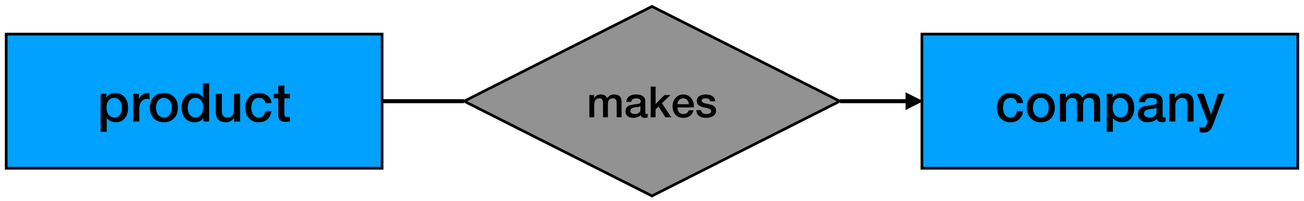

Each product is made by one company

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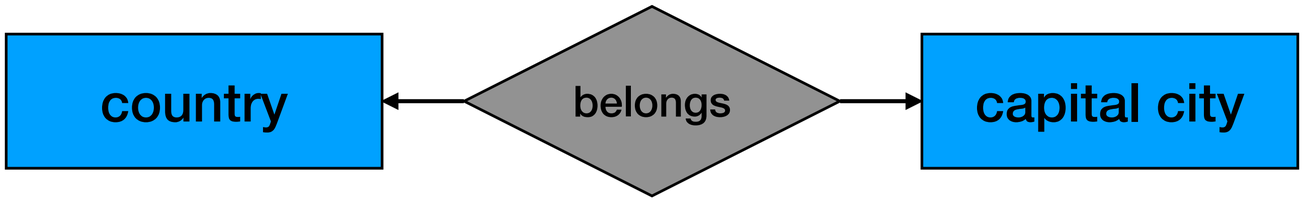

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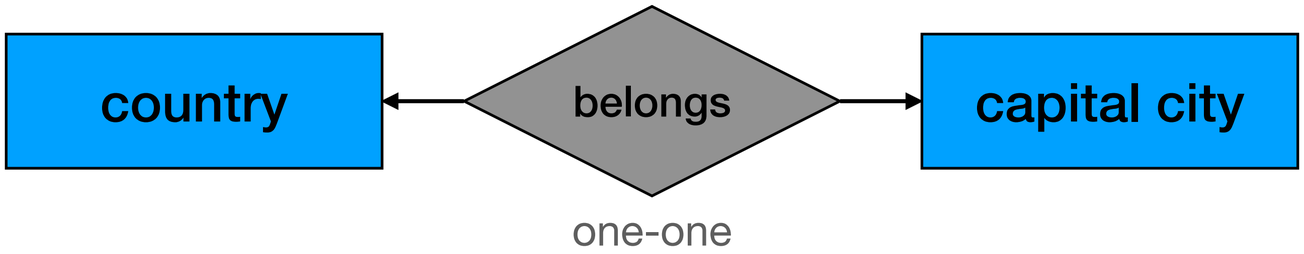
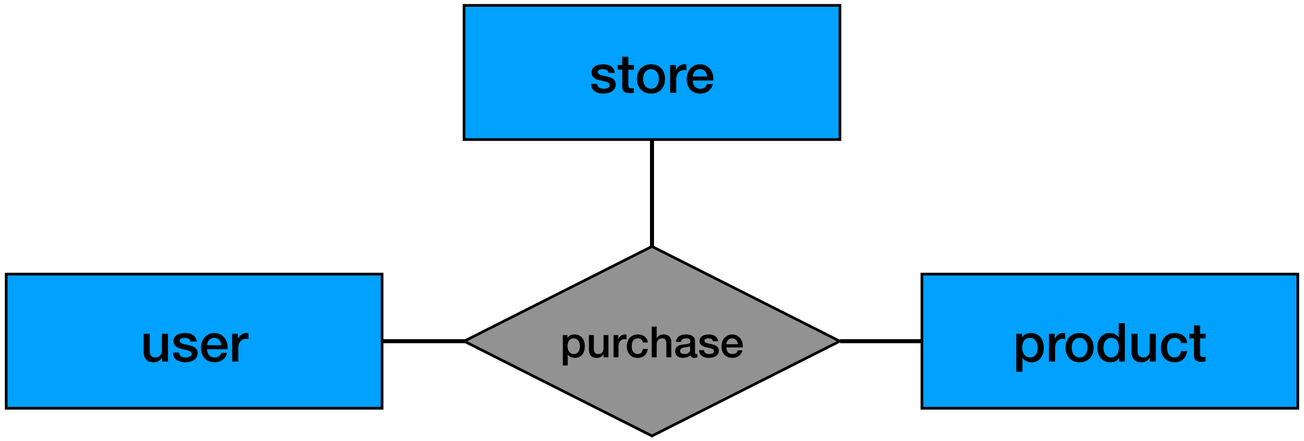


Each country has one capital city, and each capital city belongs to one country

Multi way relations



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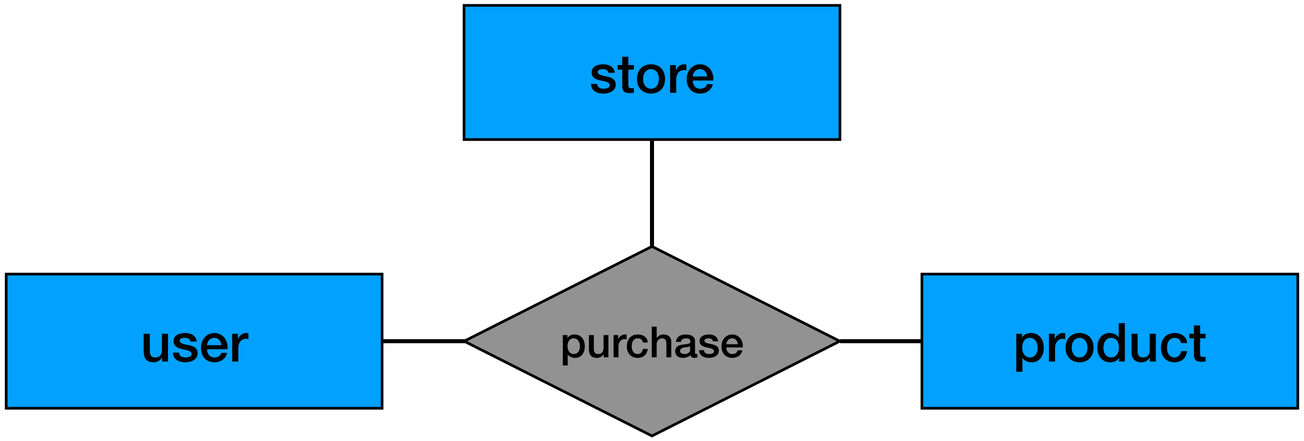

Each user can buy many products in different stores (but user-store-product combination only once)

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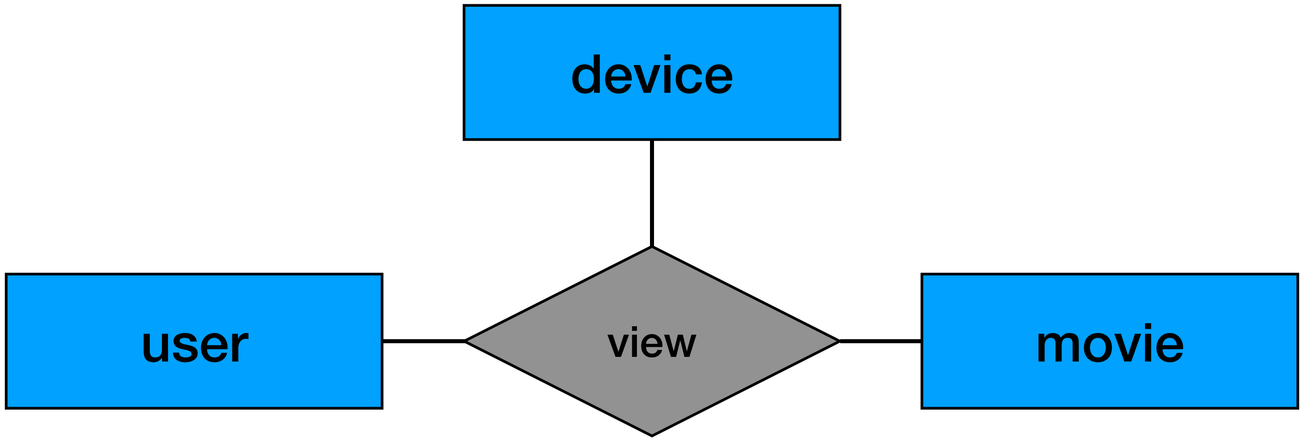

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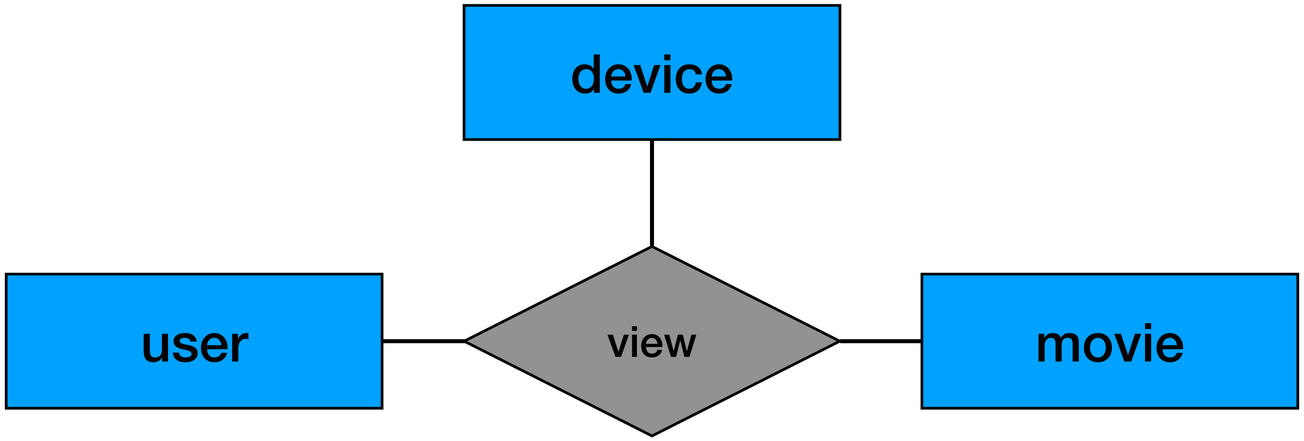

Each user can view many movies on different devices (but user-movie-device combination only once)

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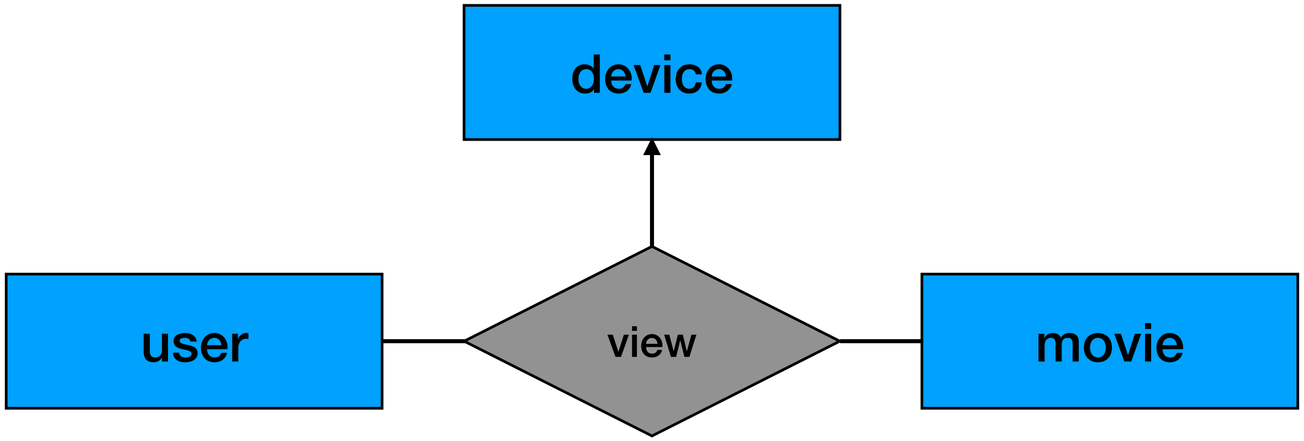

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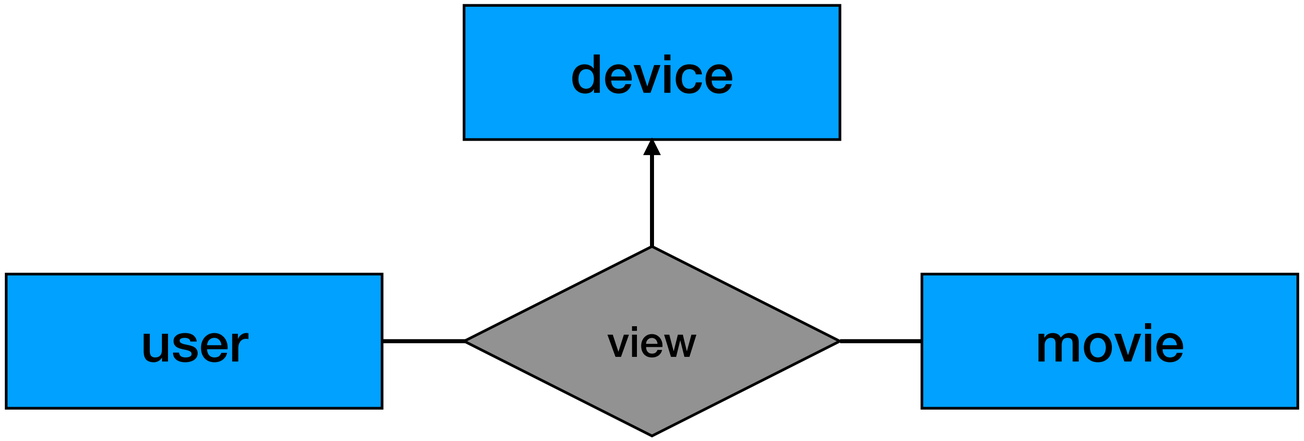
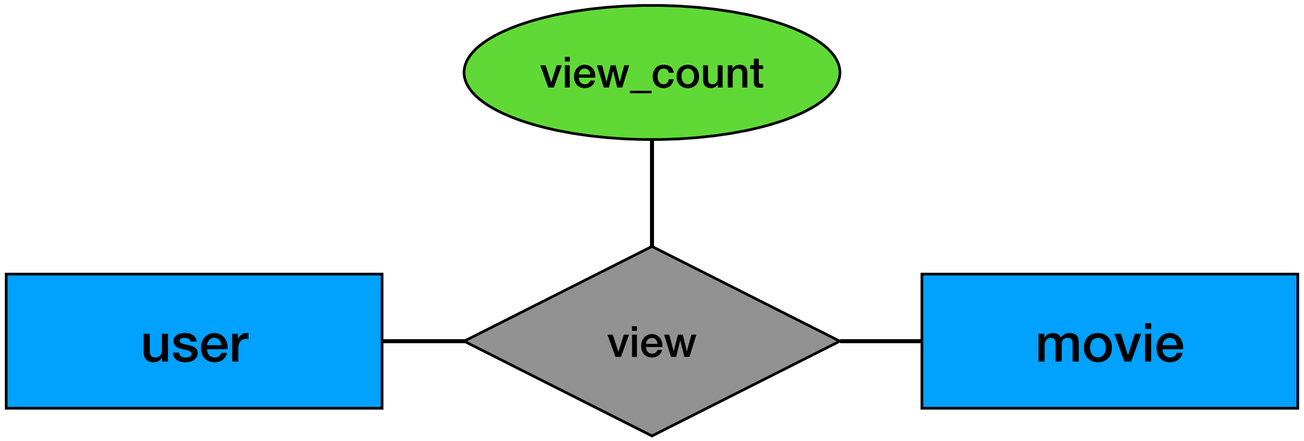


Each user can view many movies.
If we know the user and the movie, we know the device

Attributes for relations



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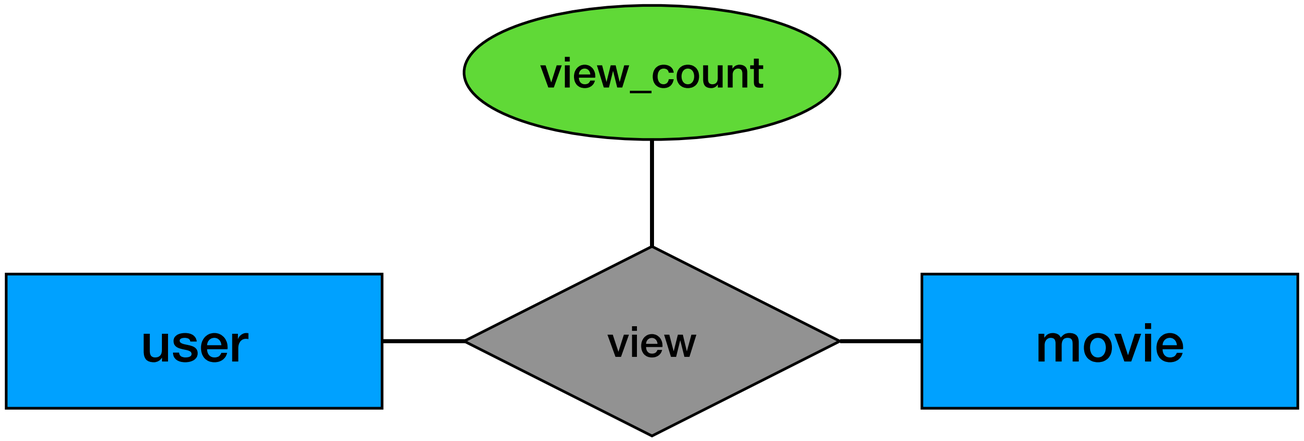

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For each “view” we also save the view_count

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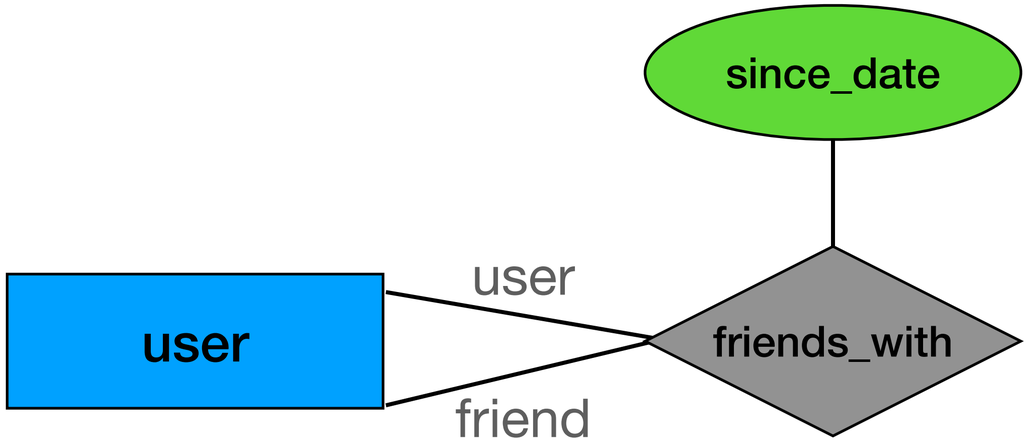

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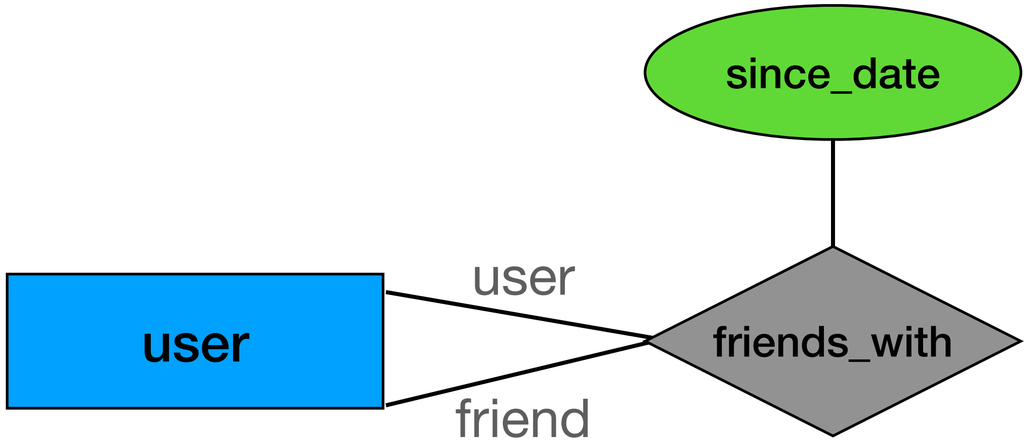

A user can be friends a different user

From previous class:

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friends(user_id, friend_user_id, since_date)
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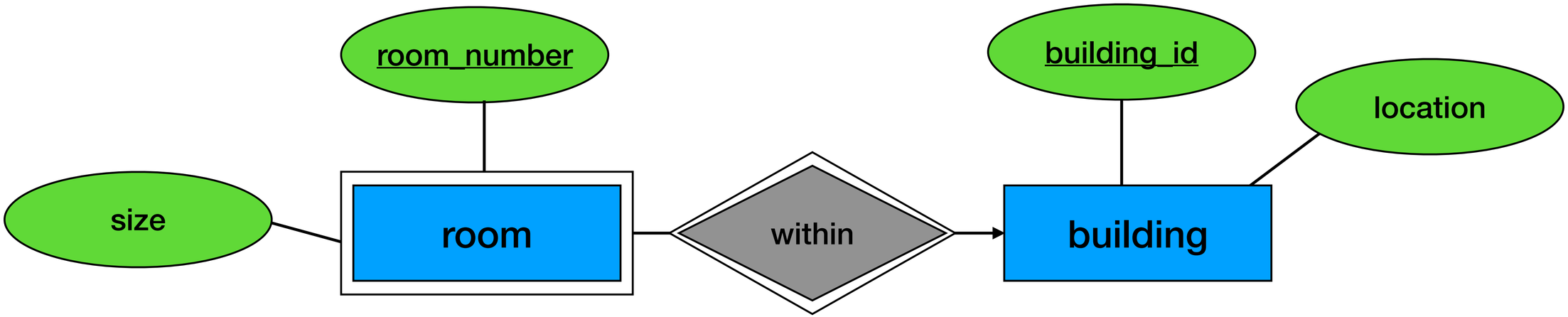

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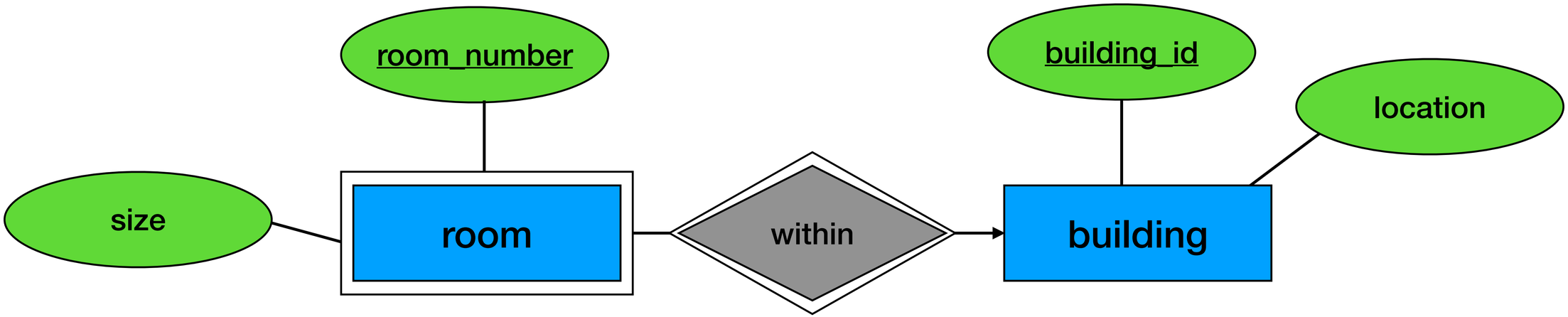


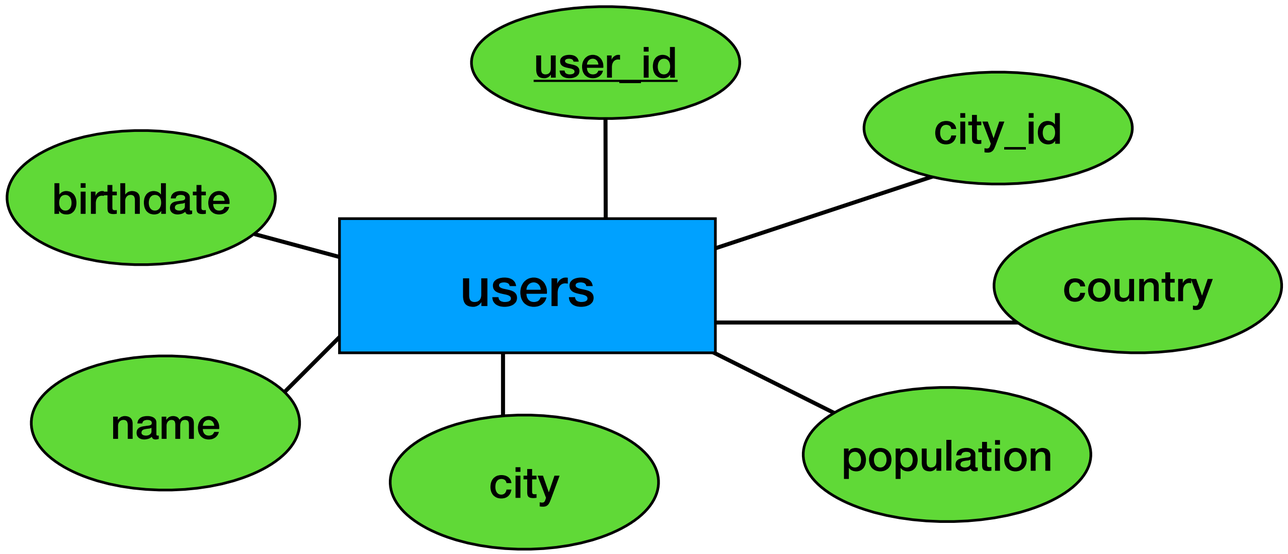
In this example, the key for room is building_id and room_number

Example

Story time

Design an ER diagram for a video platform:

- A user is defined by user_id. We also save her name, birthdate and city. For each city we save the city_id, name, population and country
- A video is defined by a video_id and we store its genre, release date and title
- For each video we keep the actors that appears in it along with their character name.
- The actors are defined by an actor_id along with their name
- For analytics, if a user views a video we save the most recent viewing timestamp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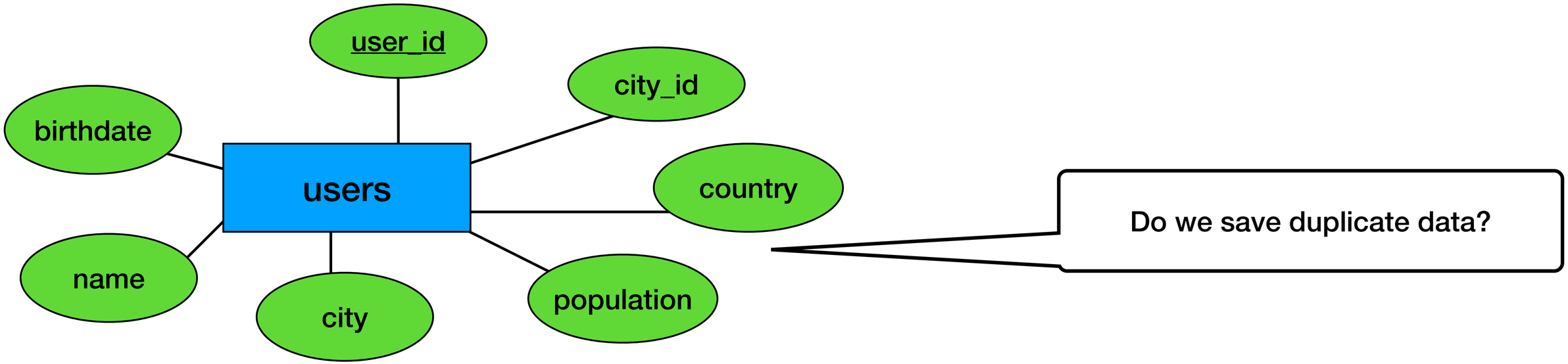
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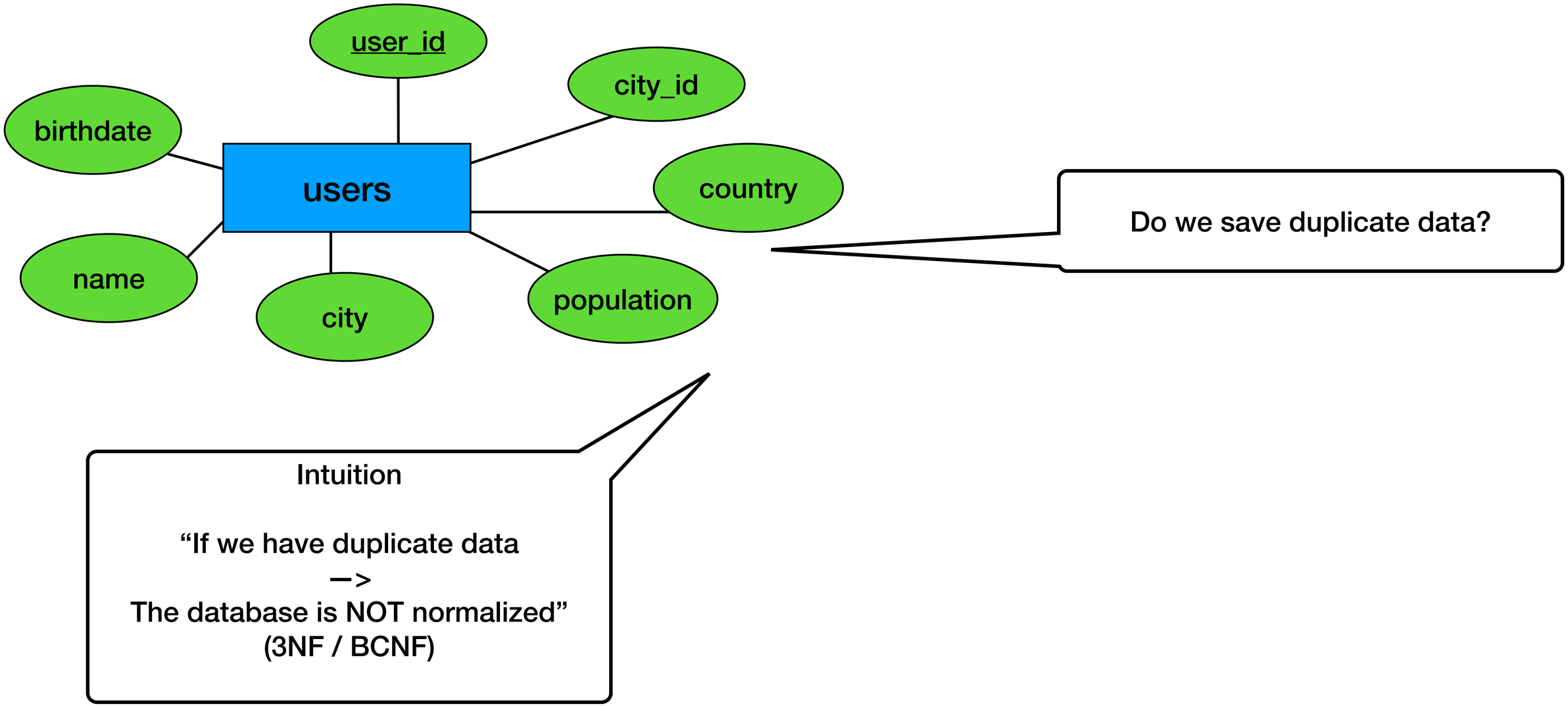
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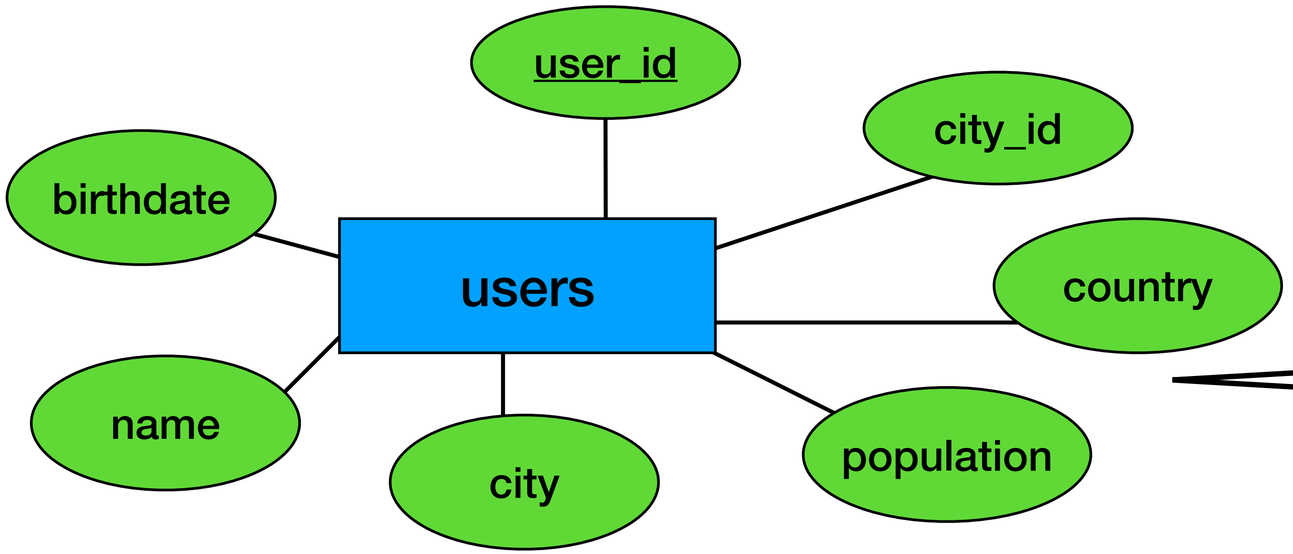

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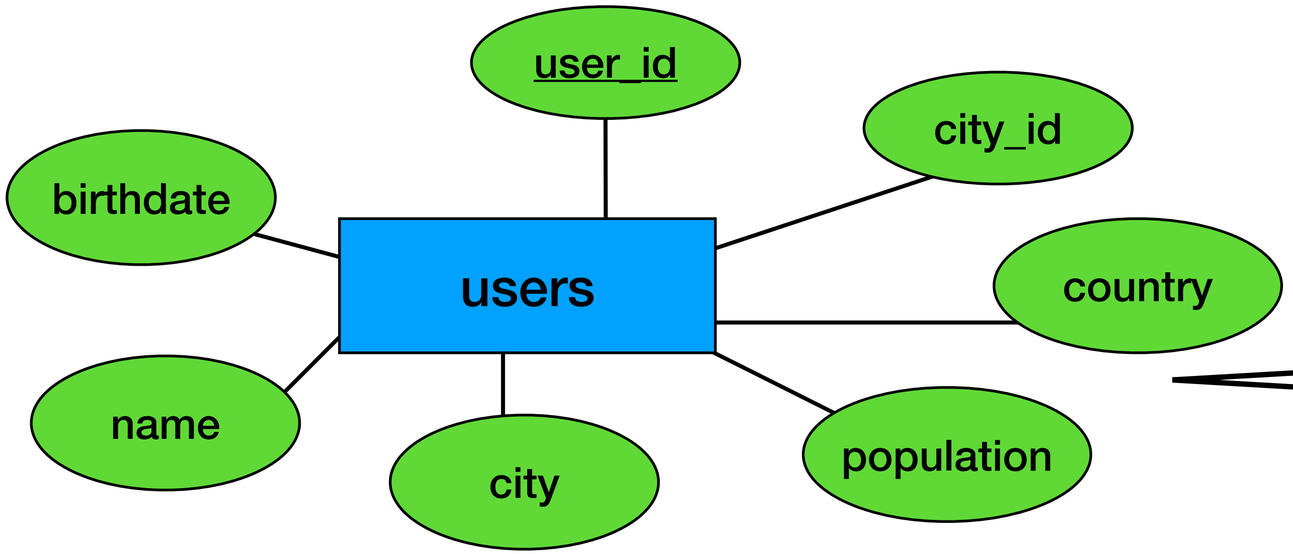

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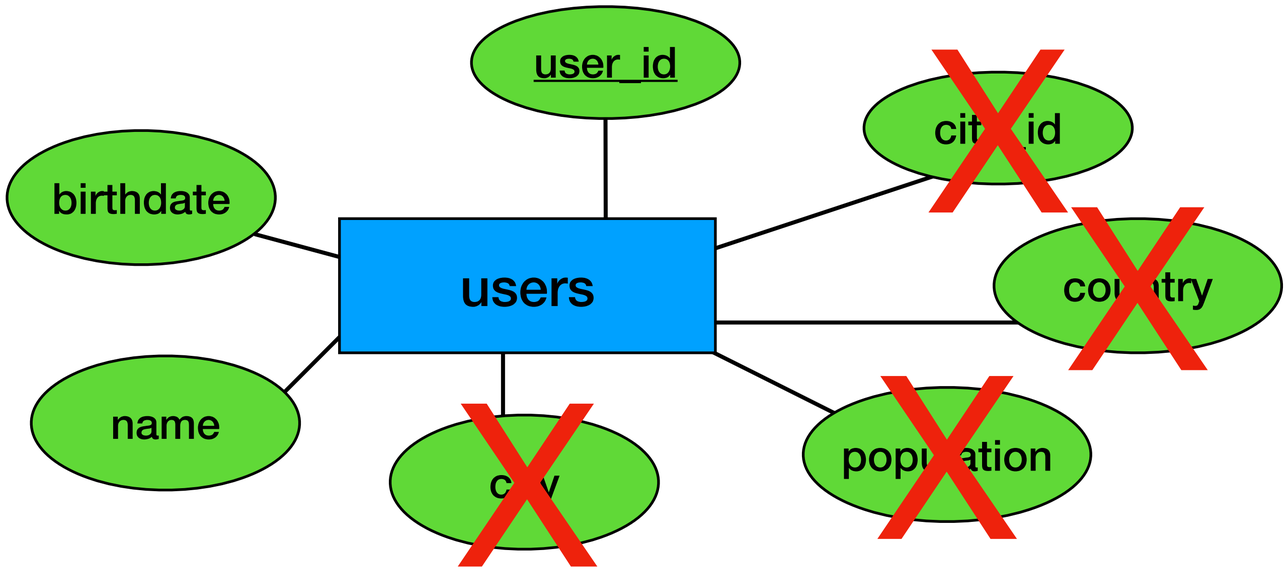
This is NOT the case in Wide Column DBs

But **today** we are talking about **Relational DBs**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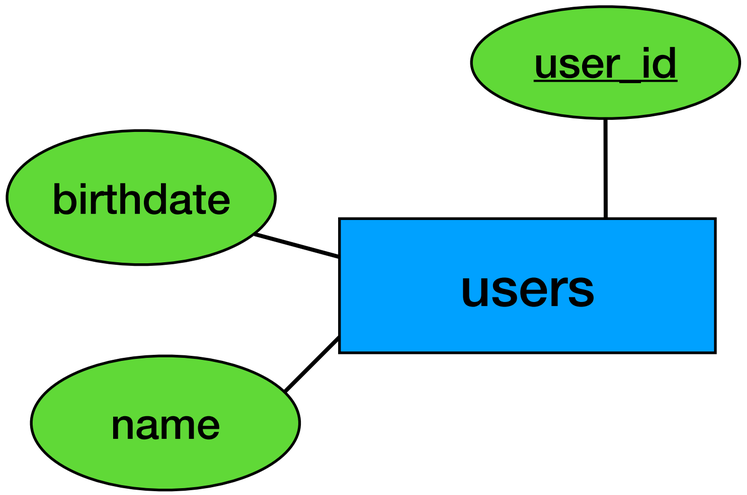
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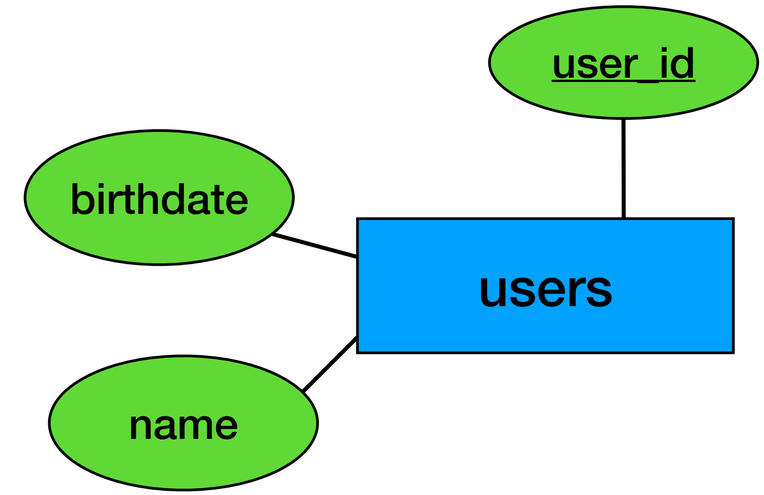
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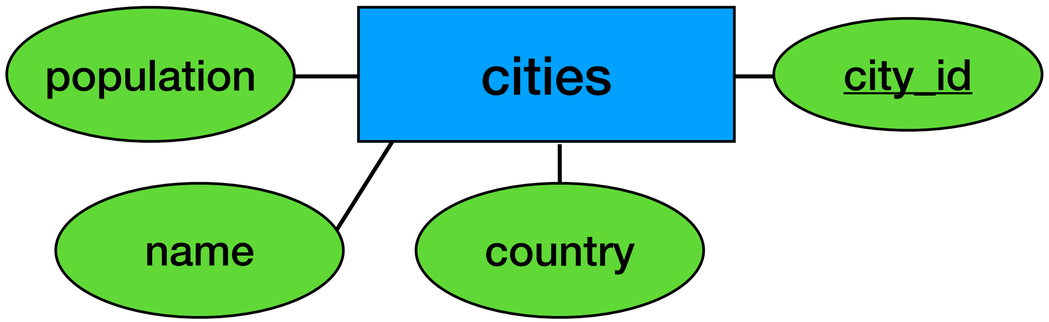
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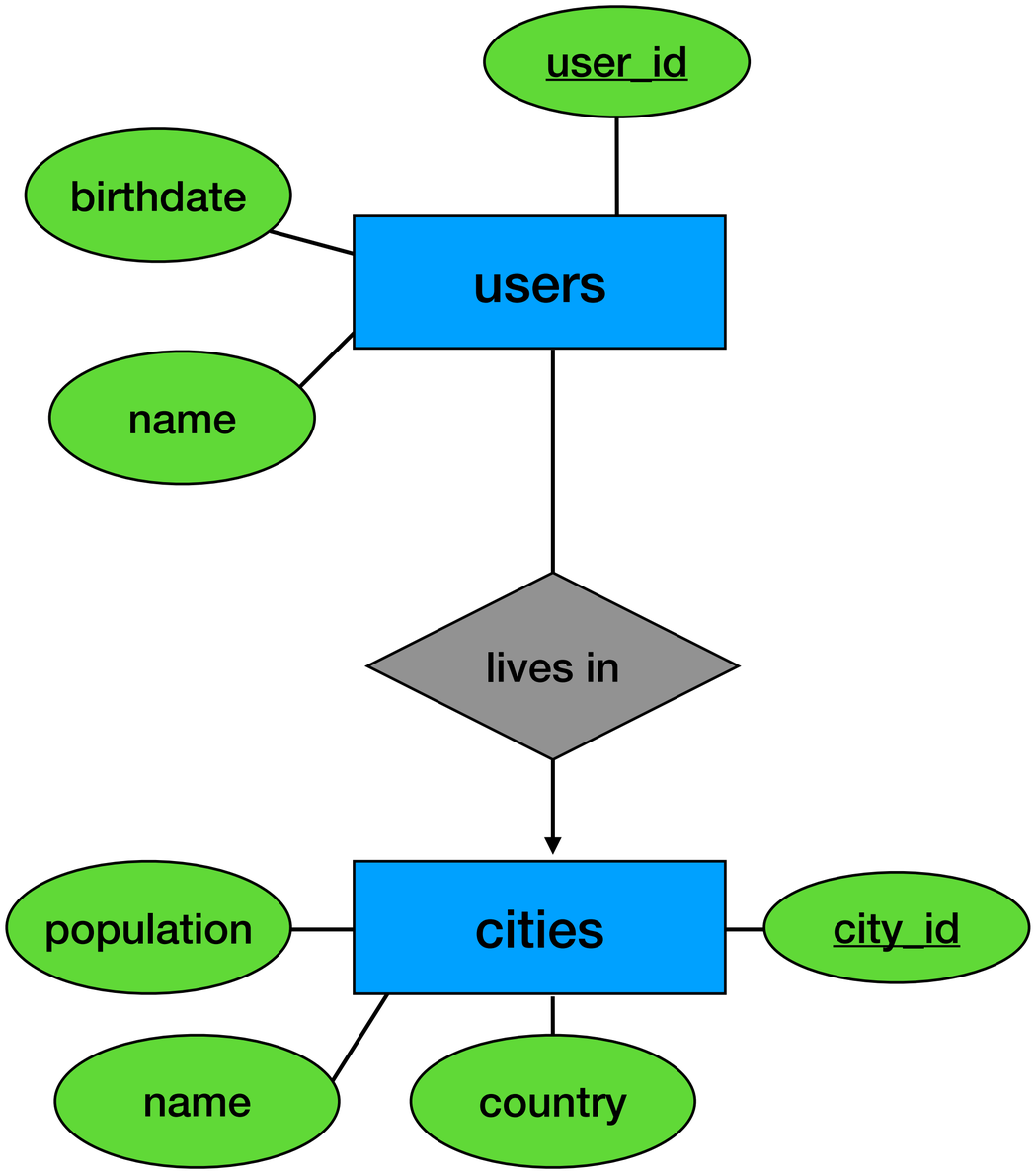
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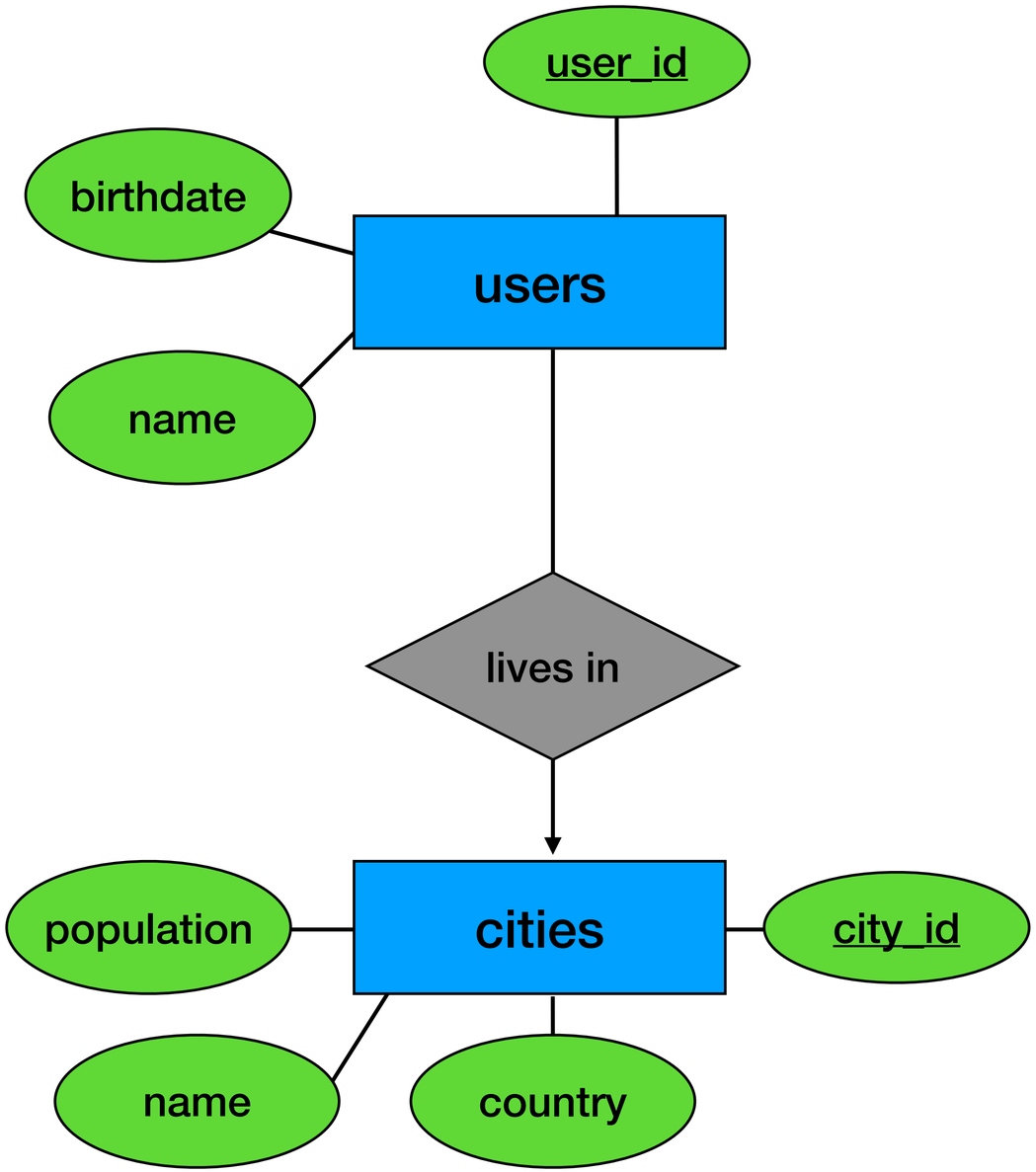
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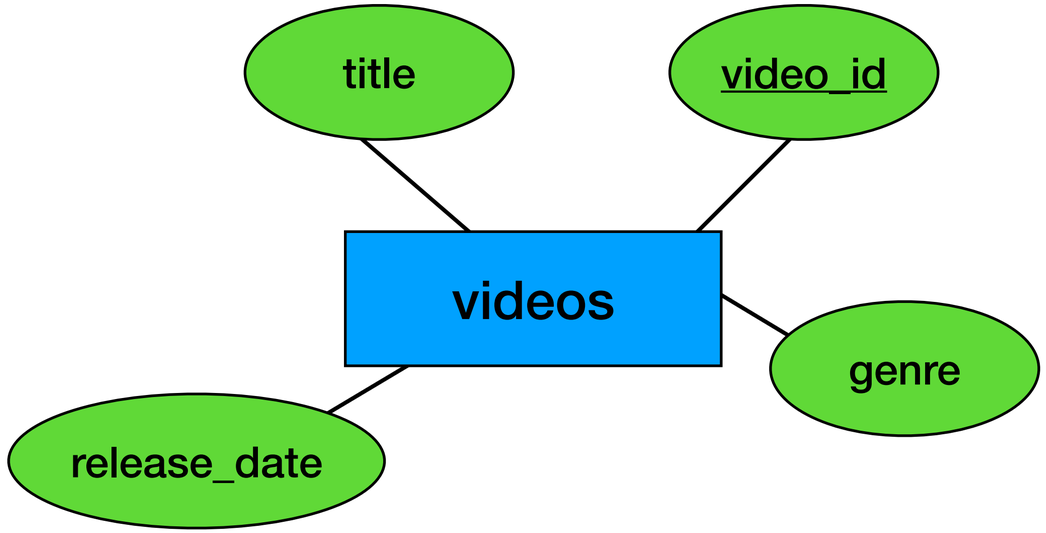
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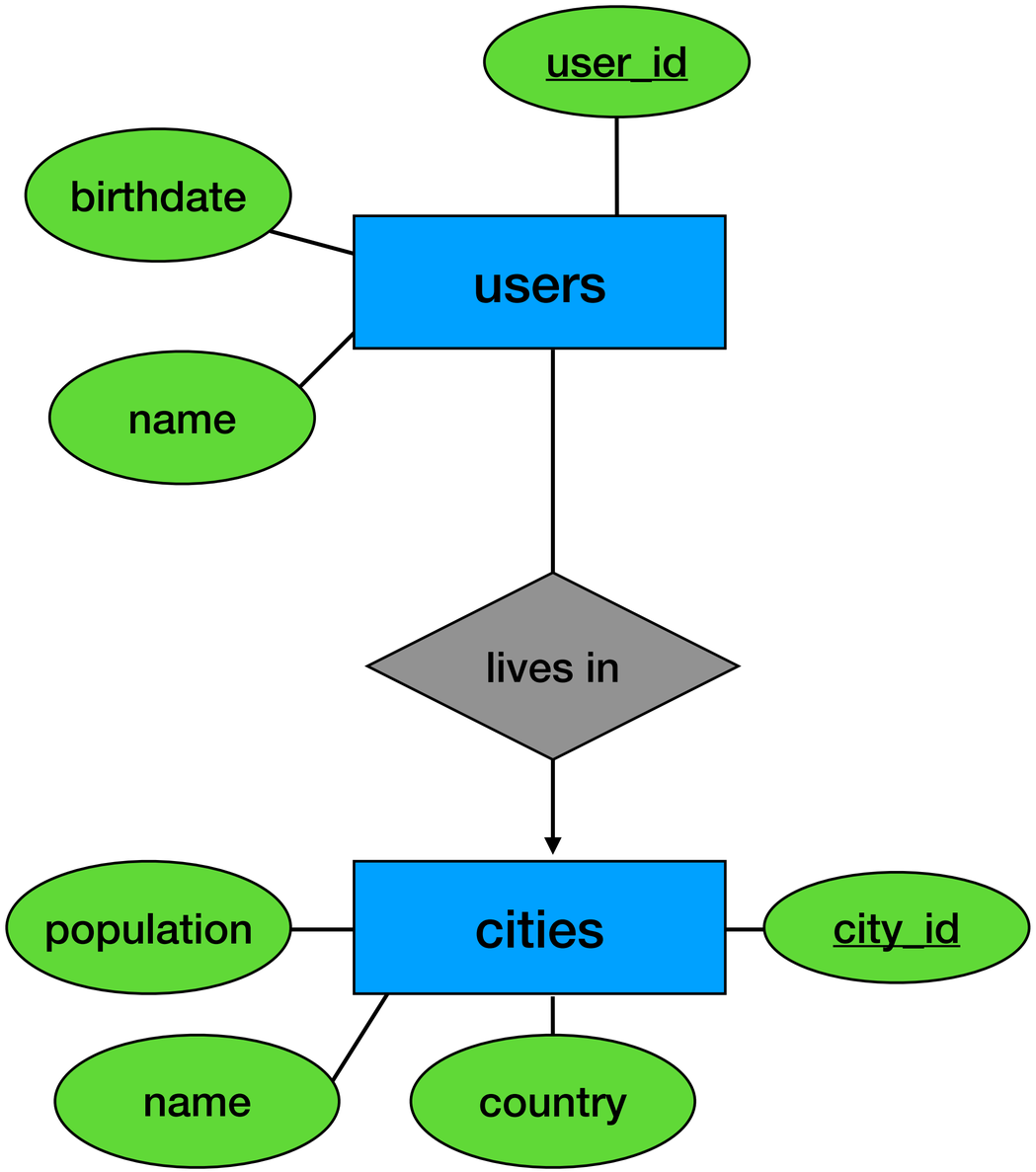
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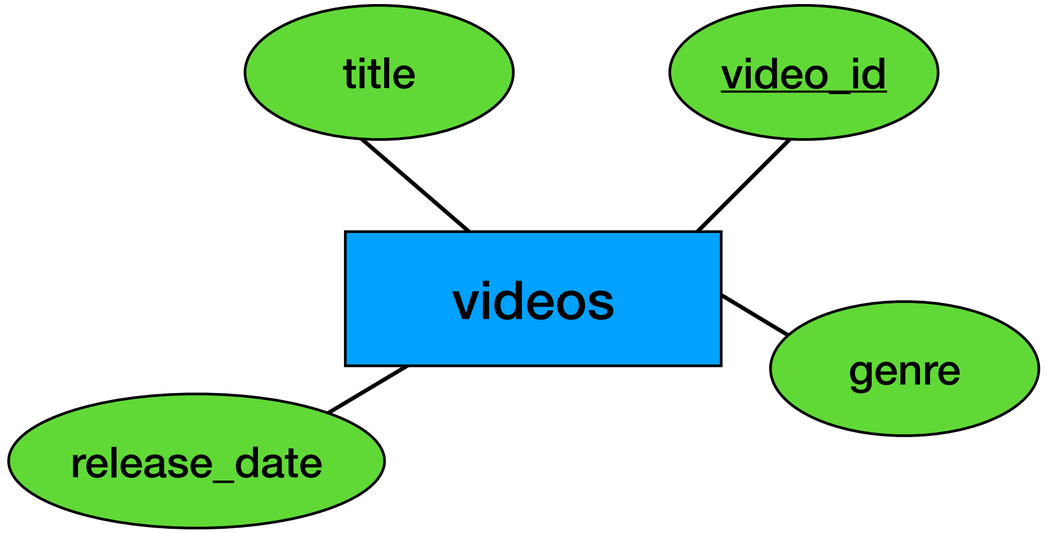
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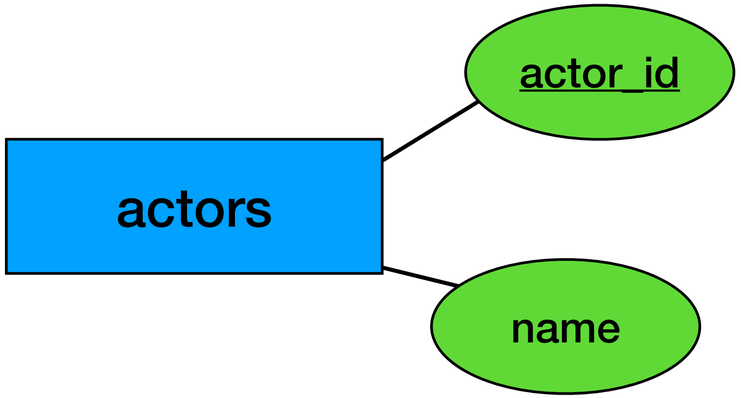
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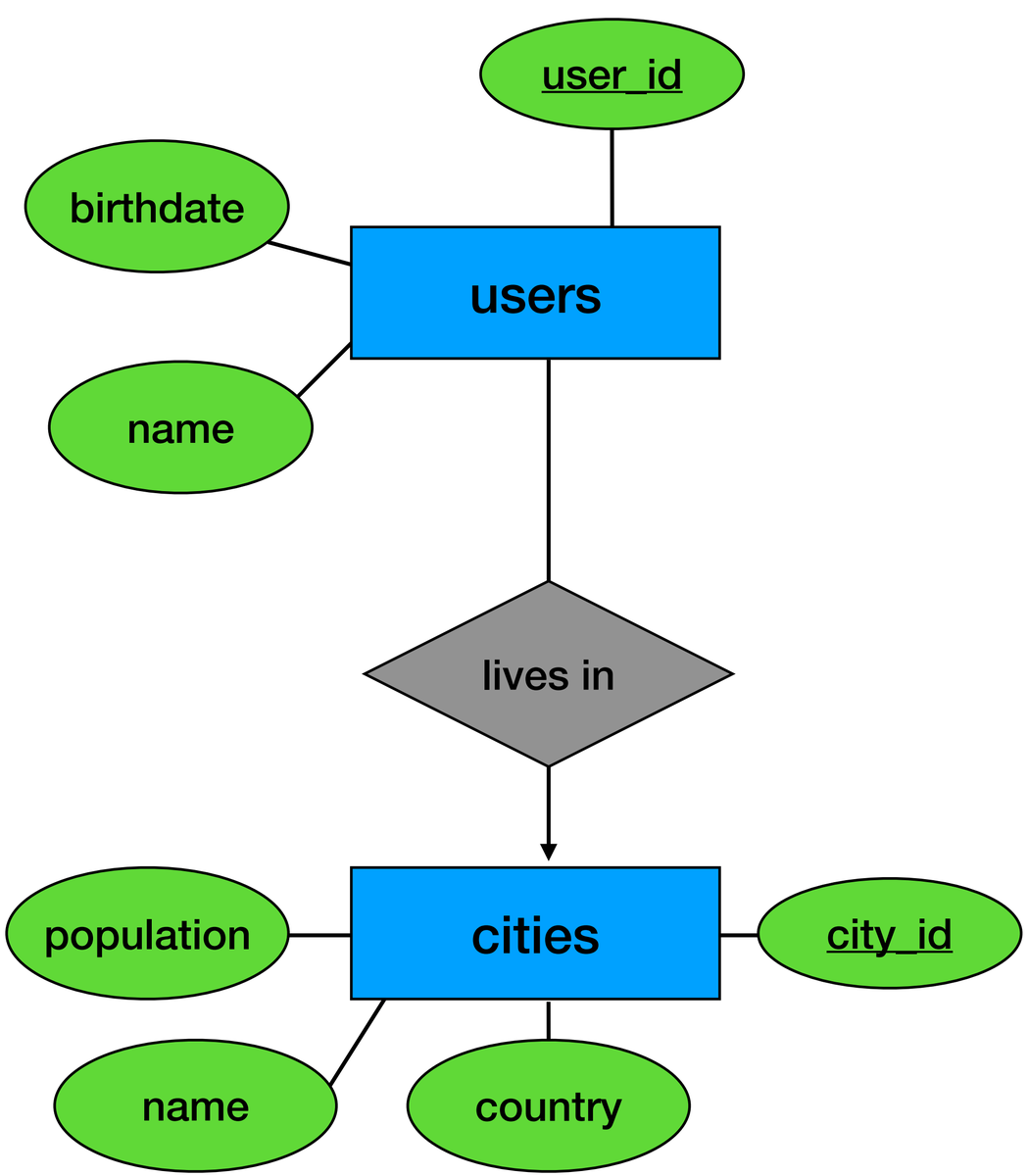
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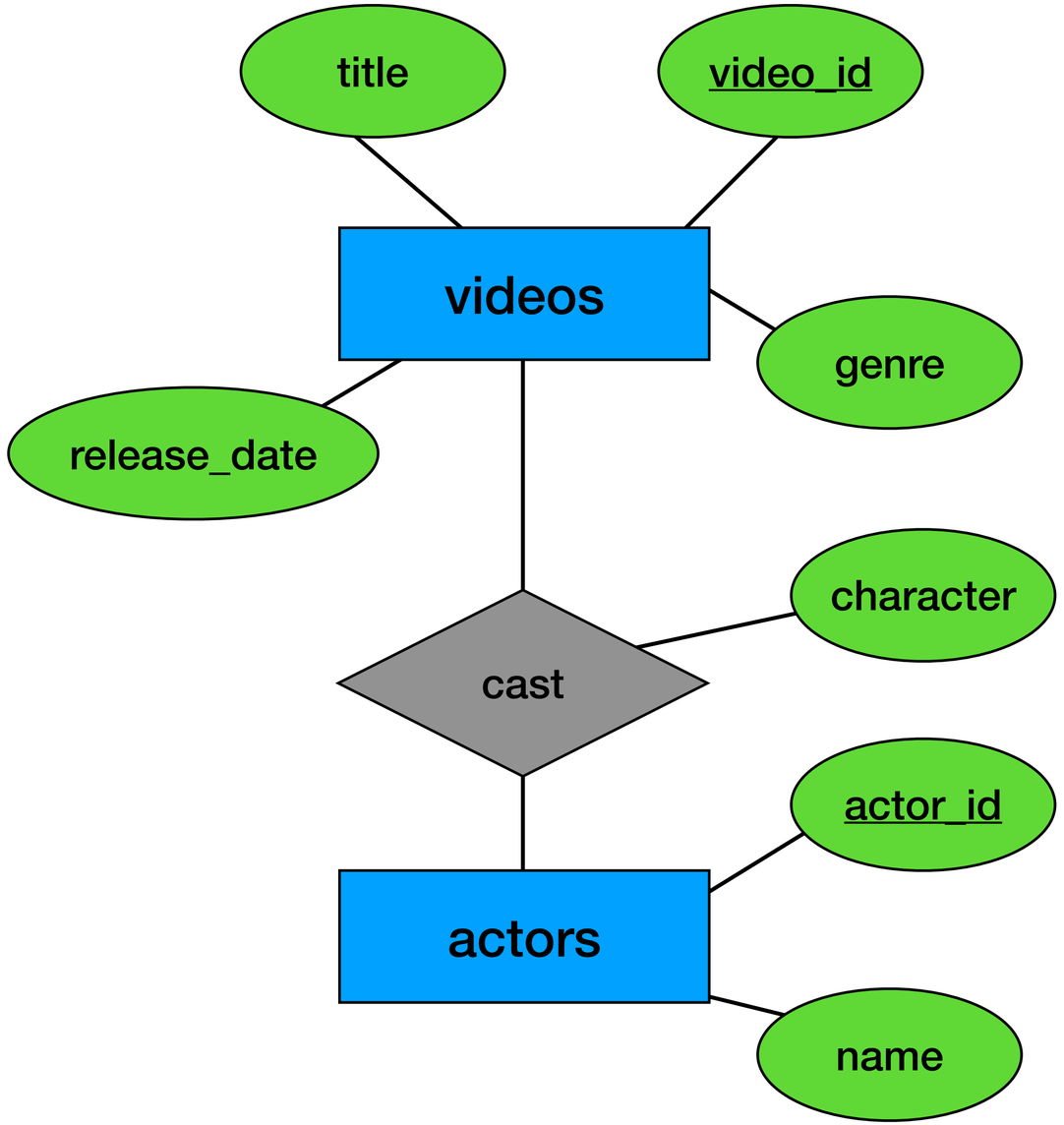
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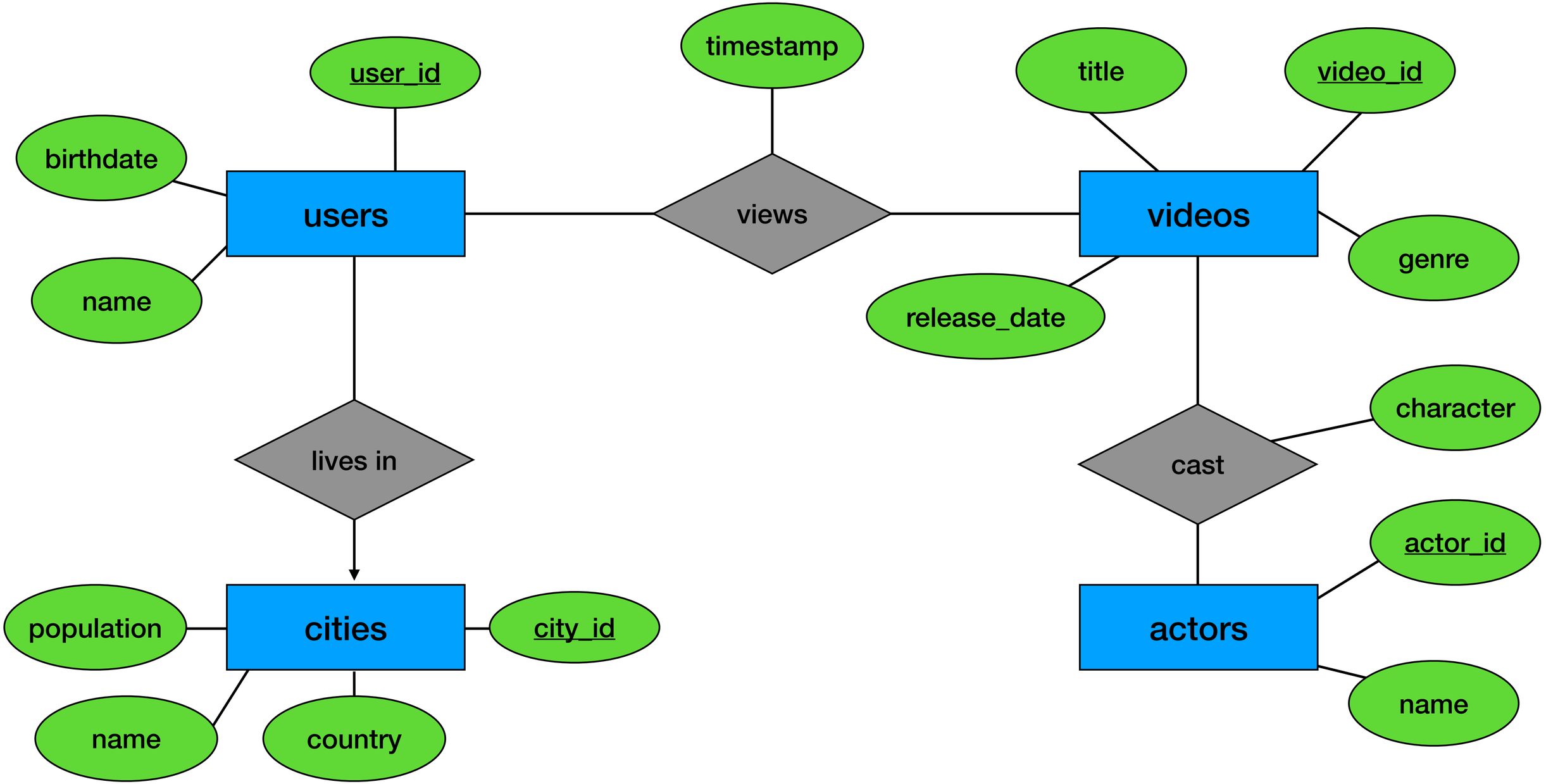
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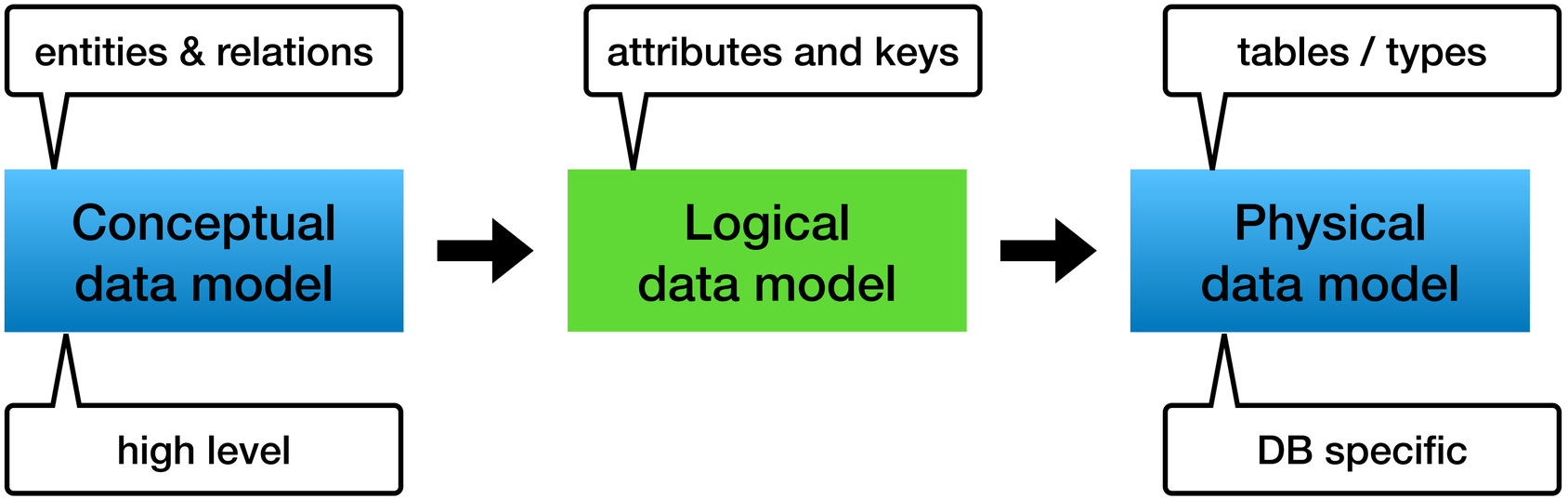
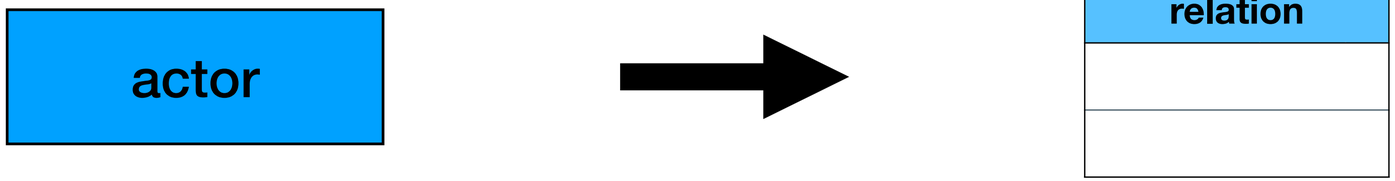


Logical data model

- From concept the “schema”
- Keys, foreign keys
- Data types are not yet defined

ER to Relational schema

- Entities



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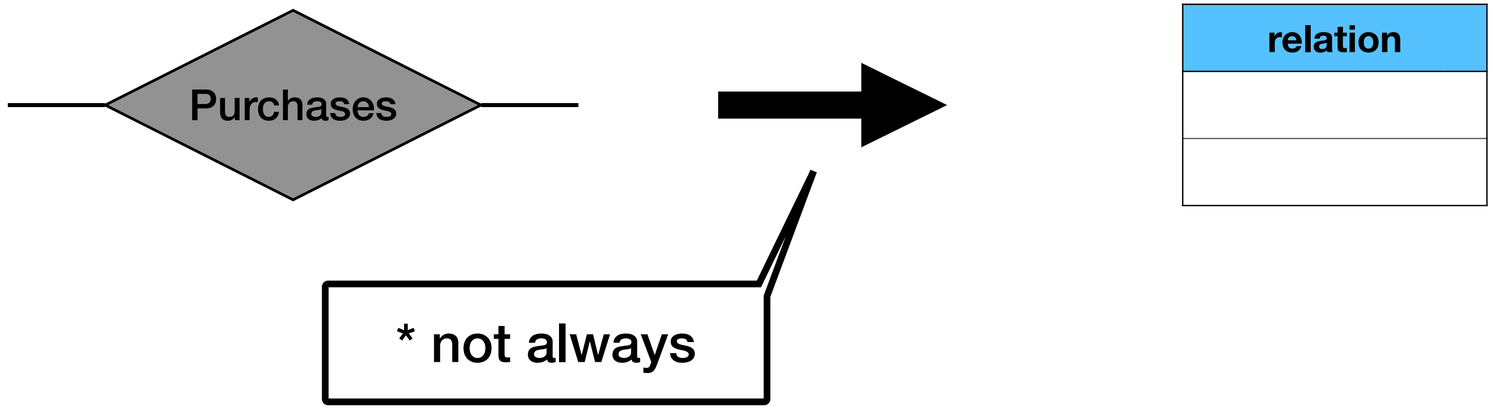

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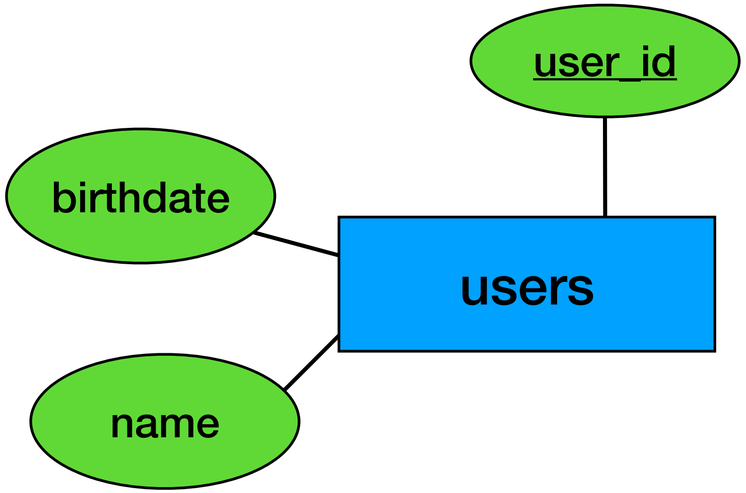

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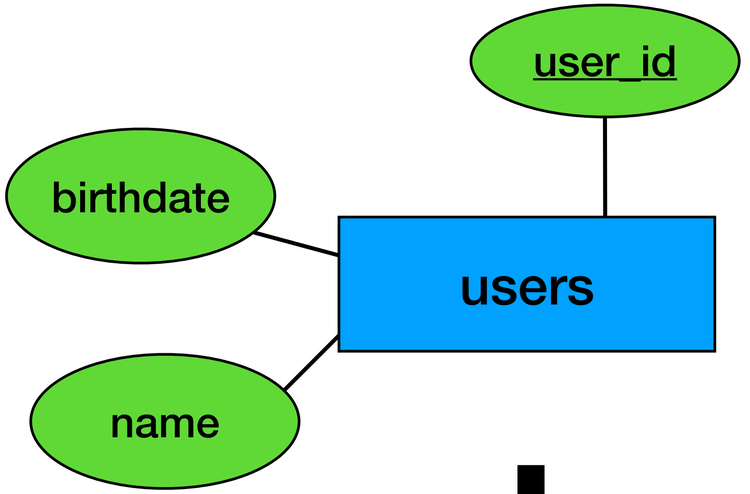

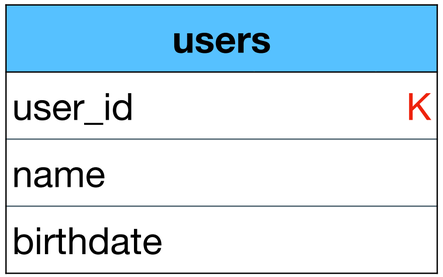

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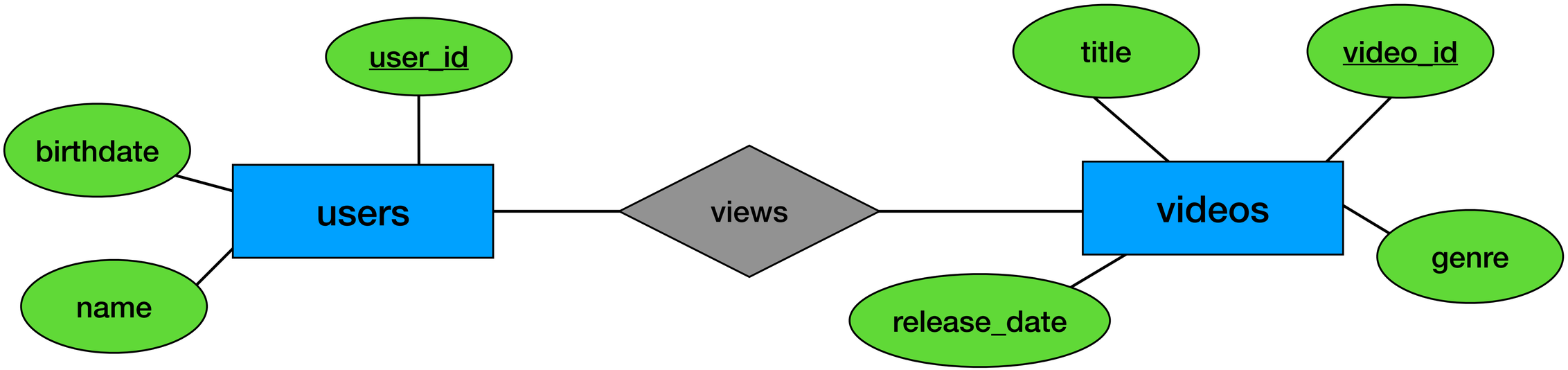

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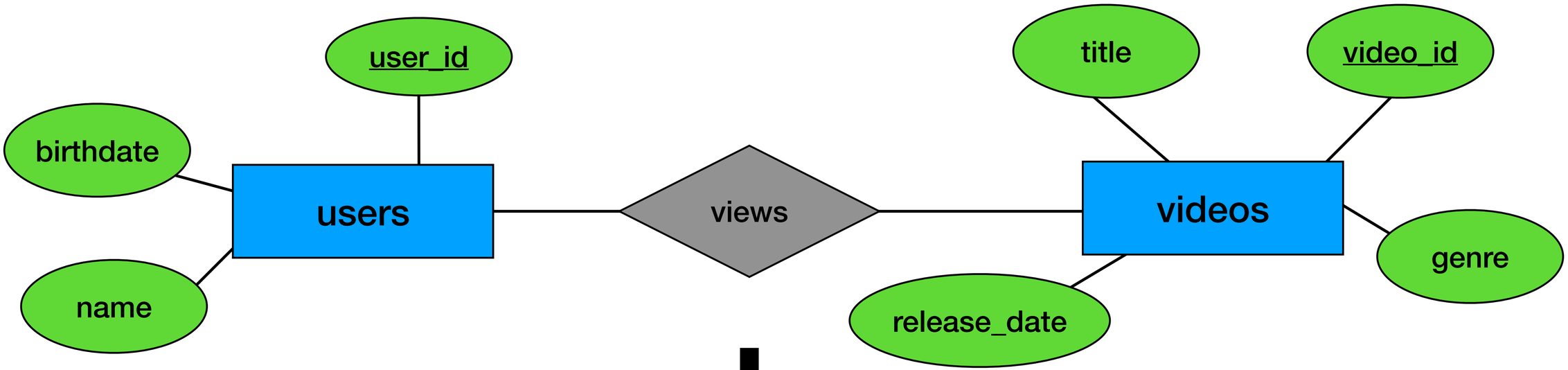

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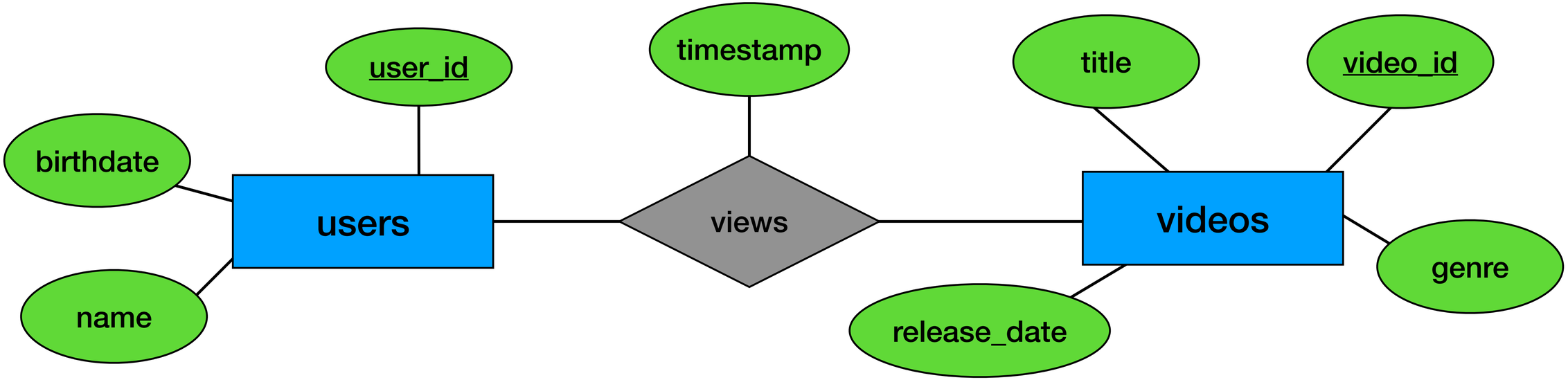
Keys are derived from entities

Relation to Relation (+attributes)



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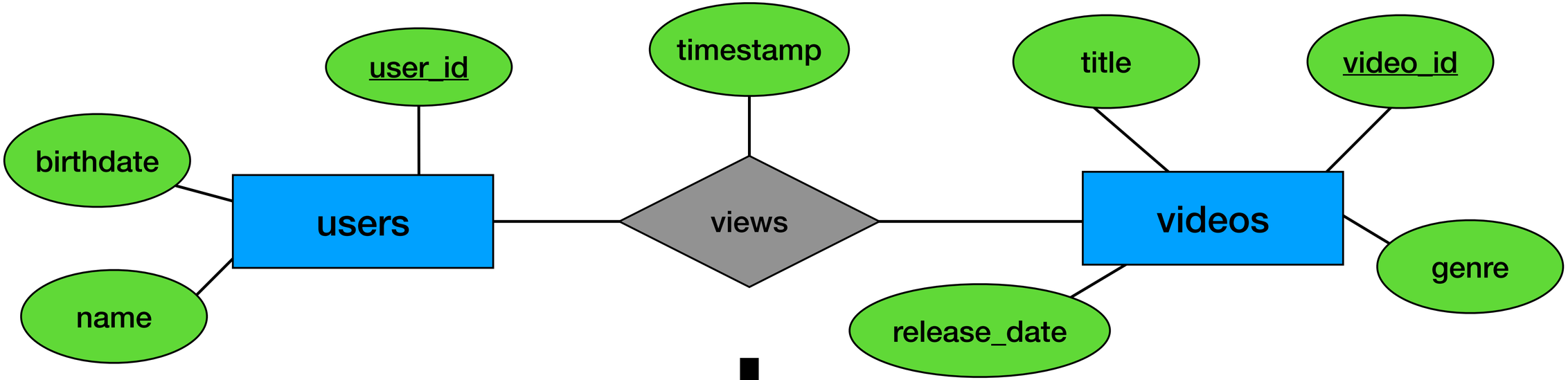

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video_id	K
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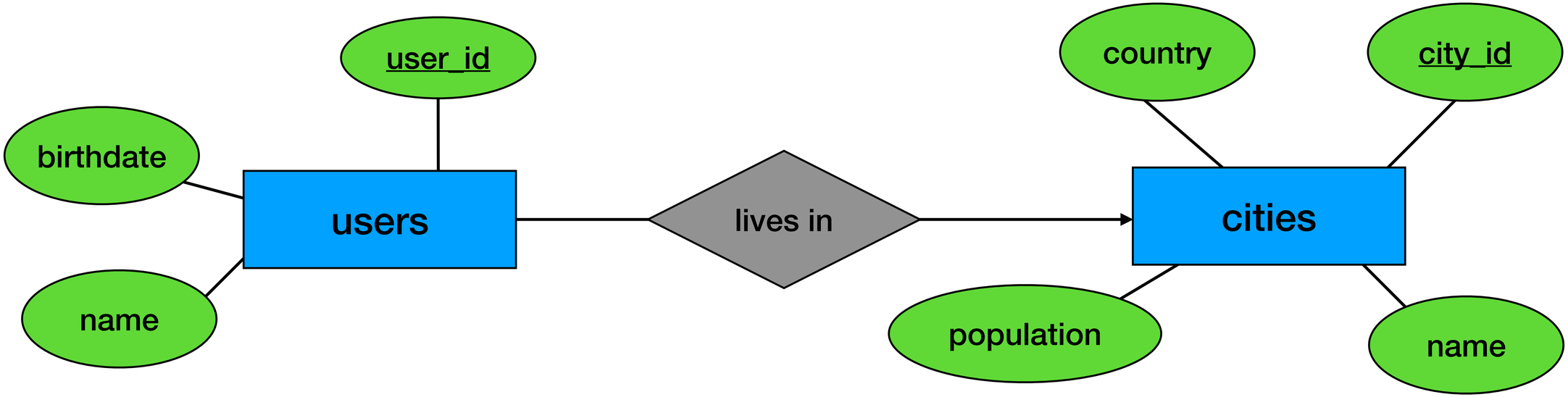

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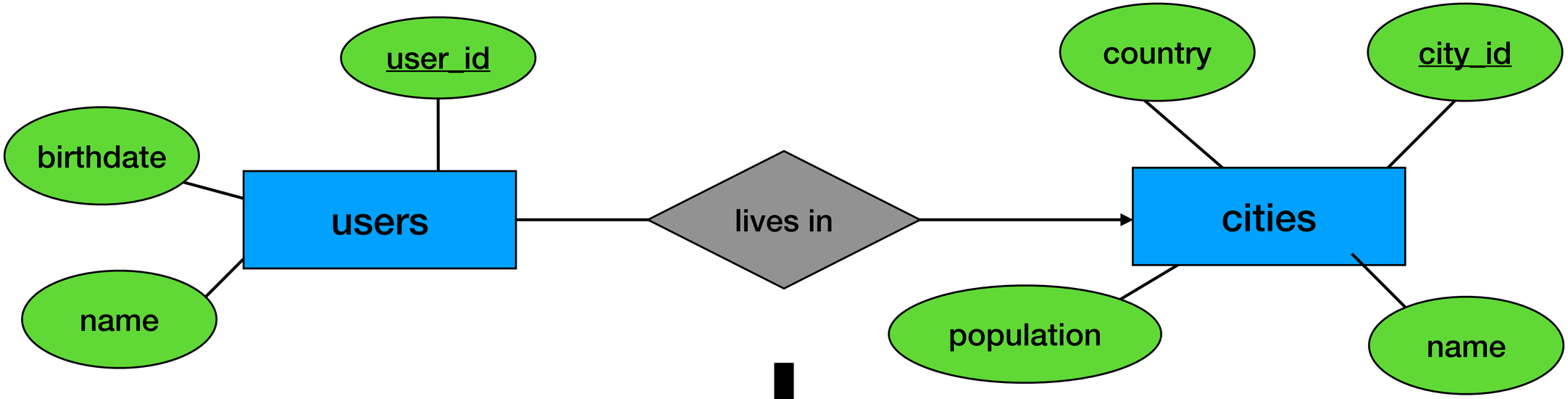

No additional table is required. We add to users the key(s) of cities

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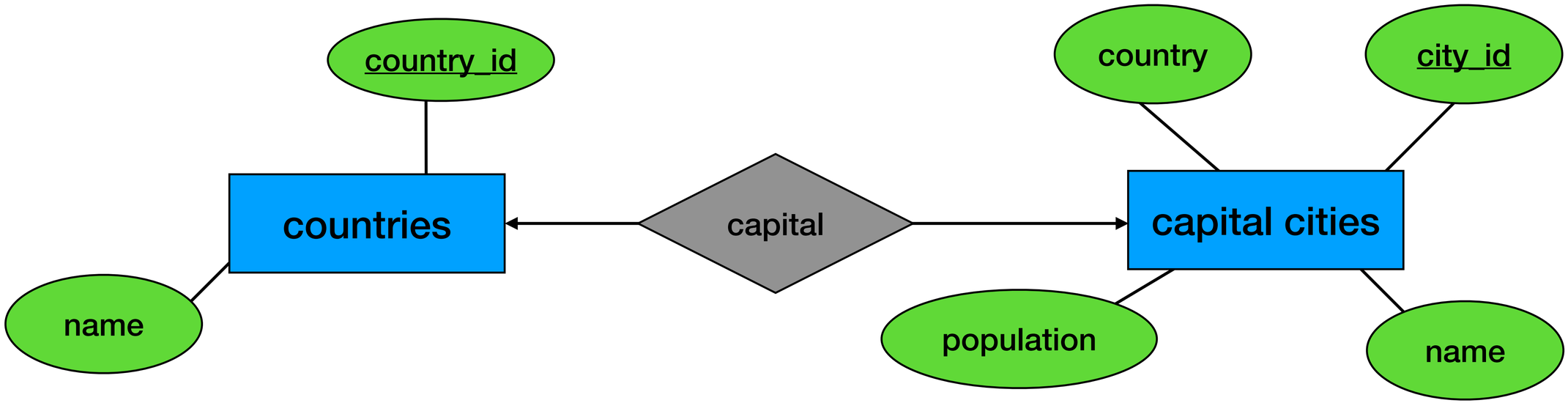
Sometimes FKs are omitted and will be represented by arrows (see next slides)

Relation to Relation (one-to-one)



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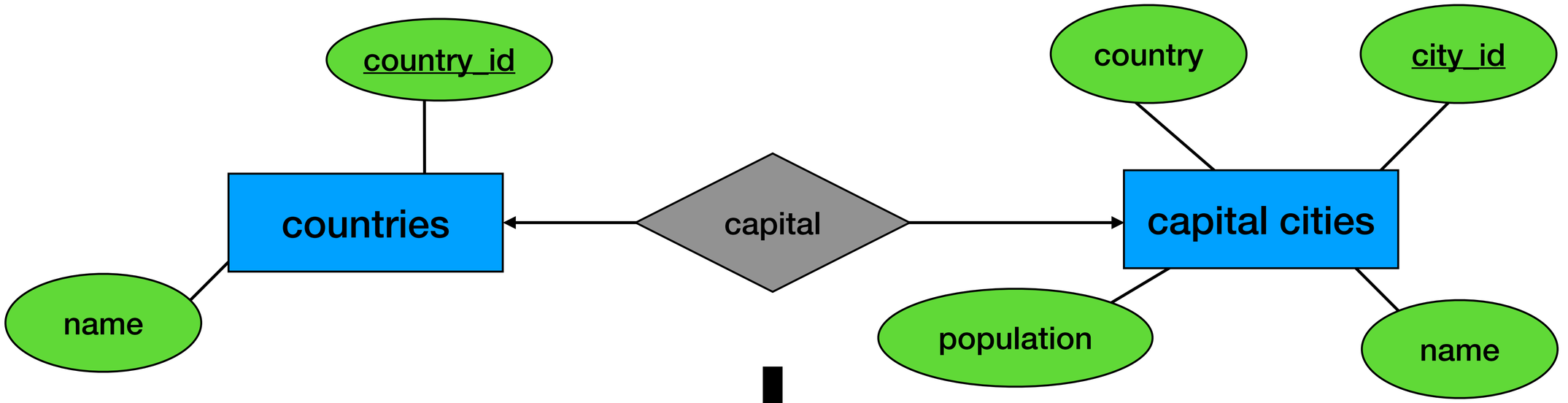

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FK + Unique index

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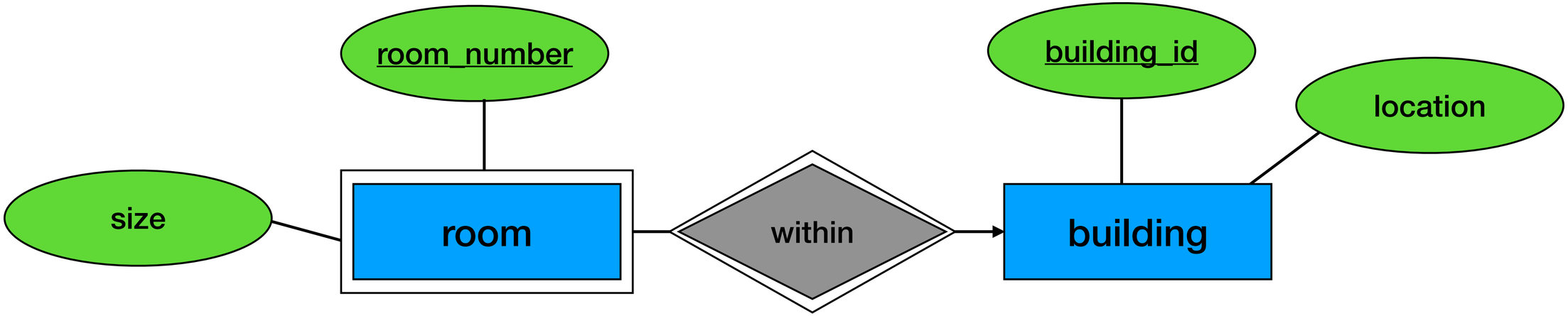
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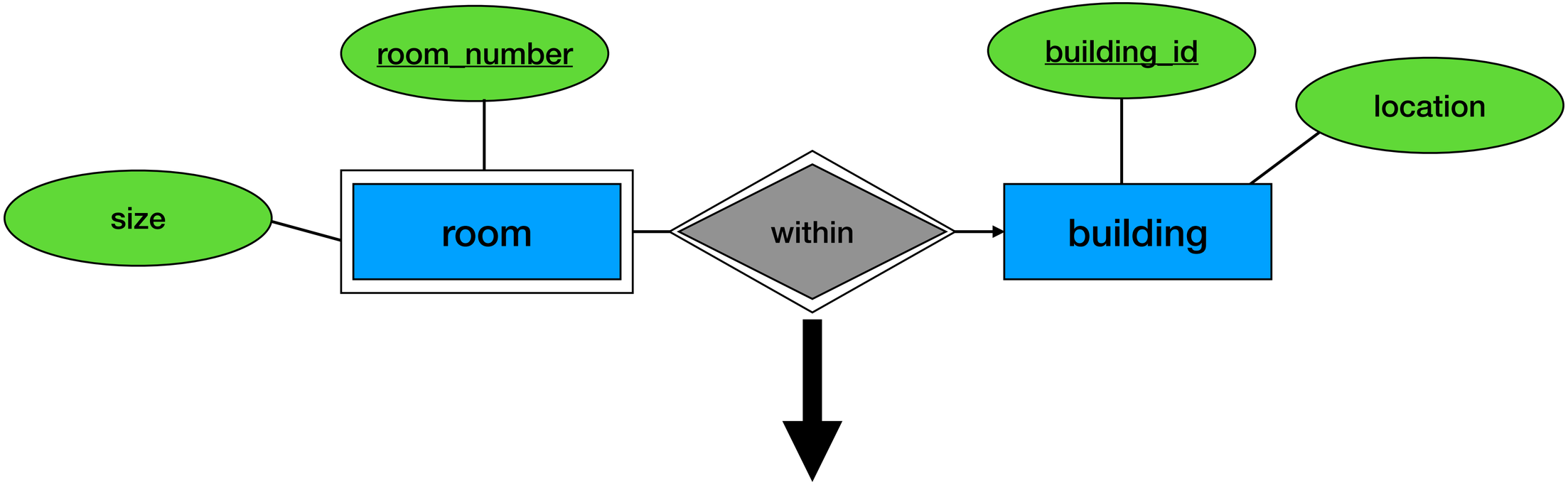

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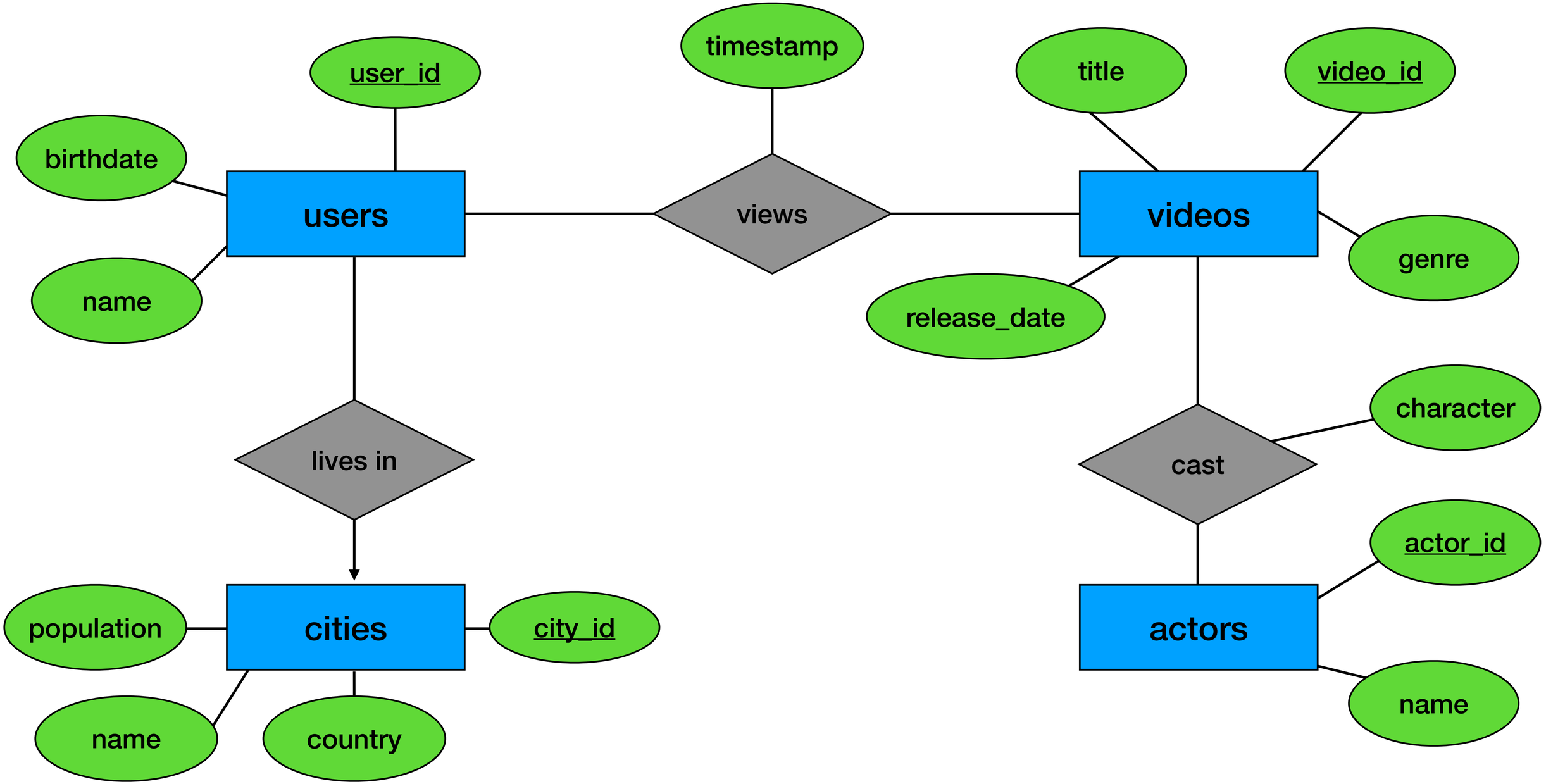
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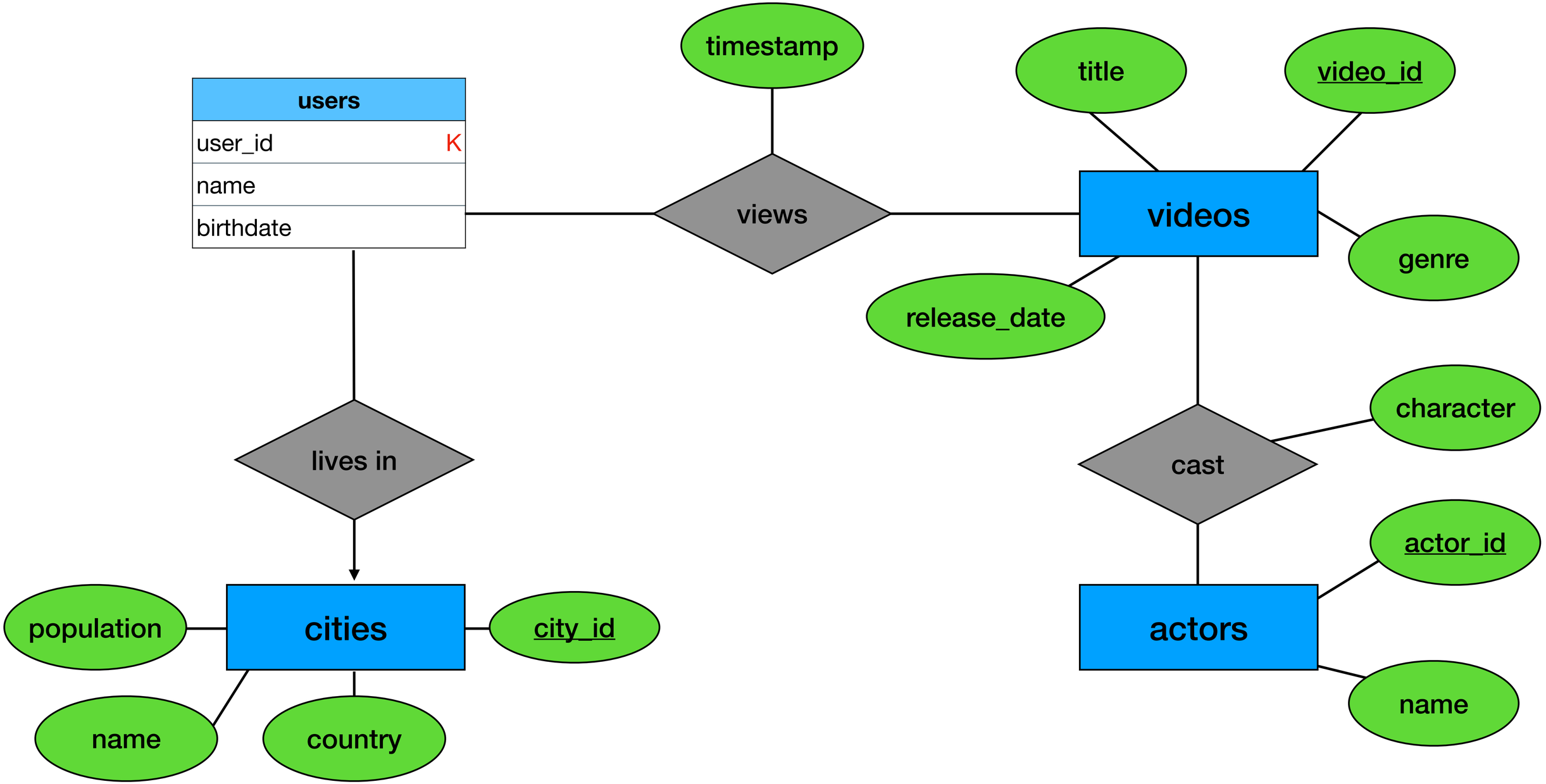
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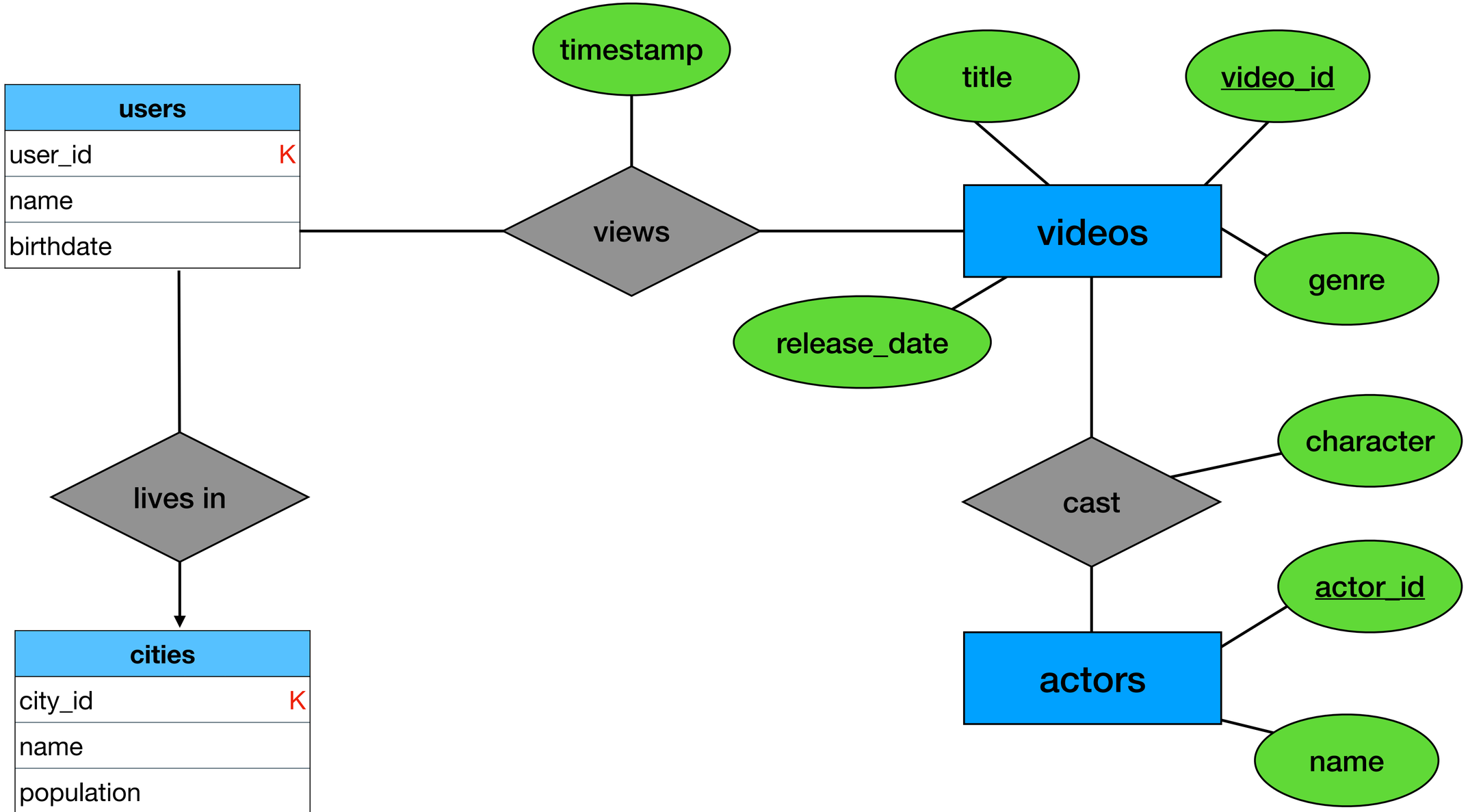
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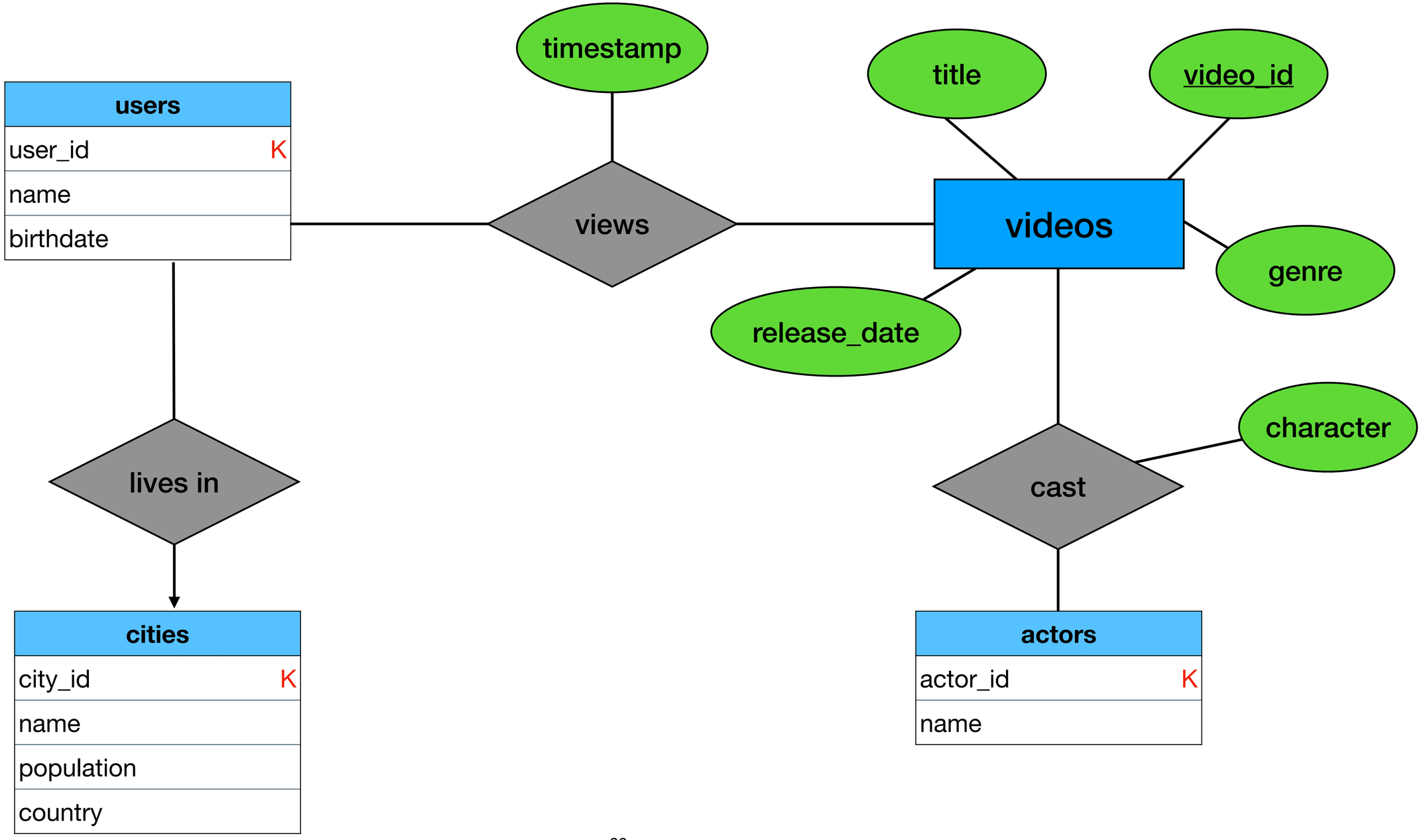
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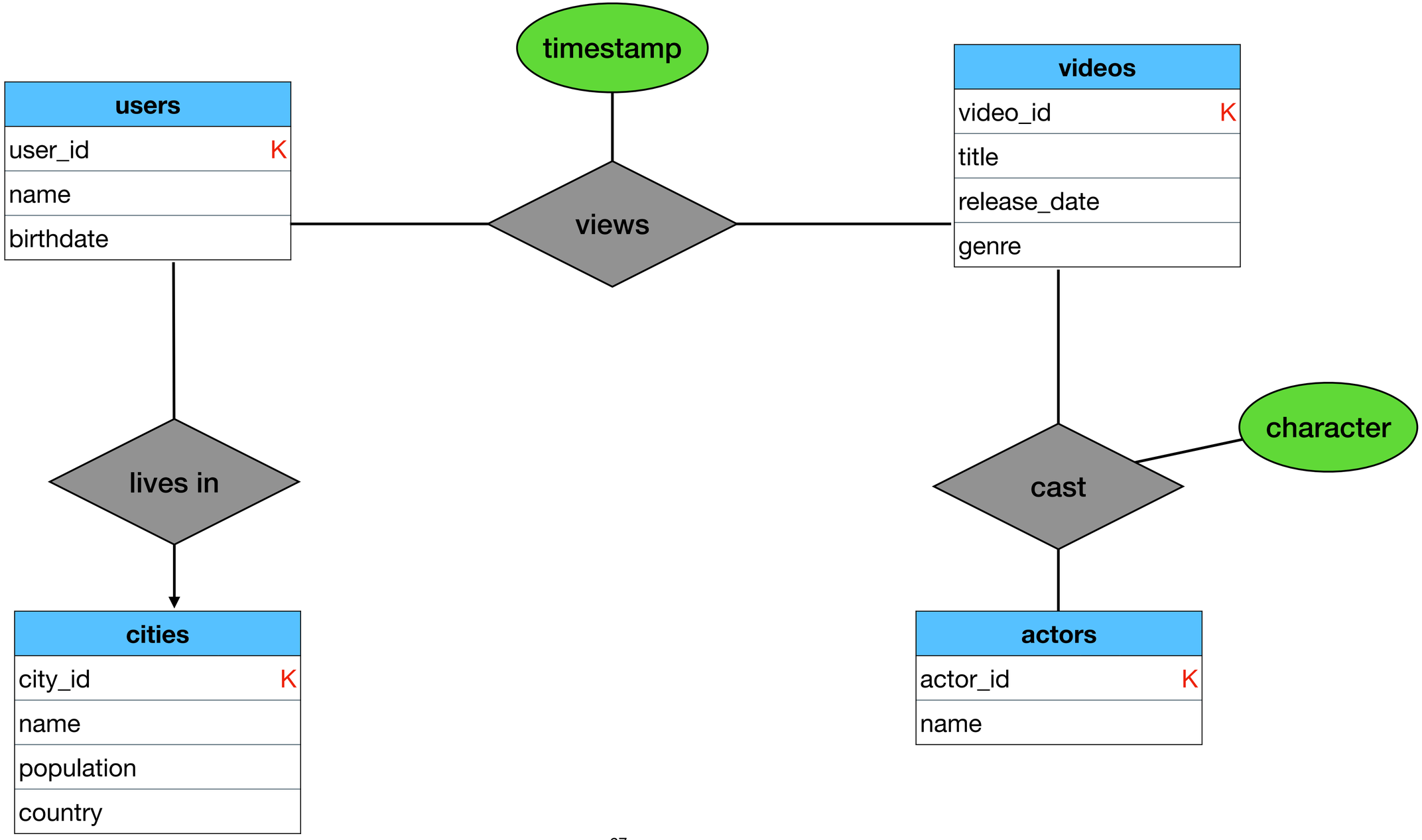
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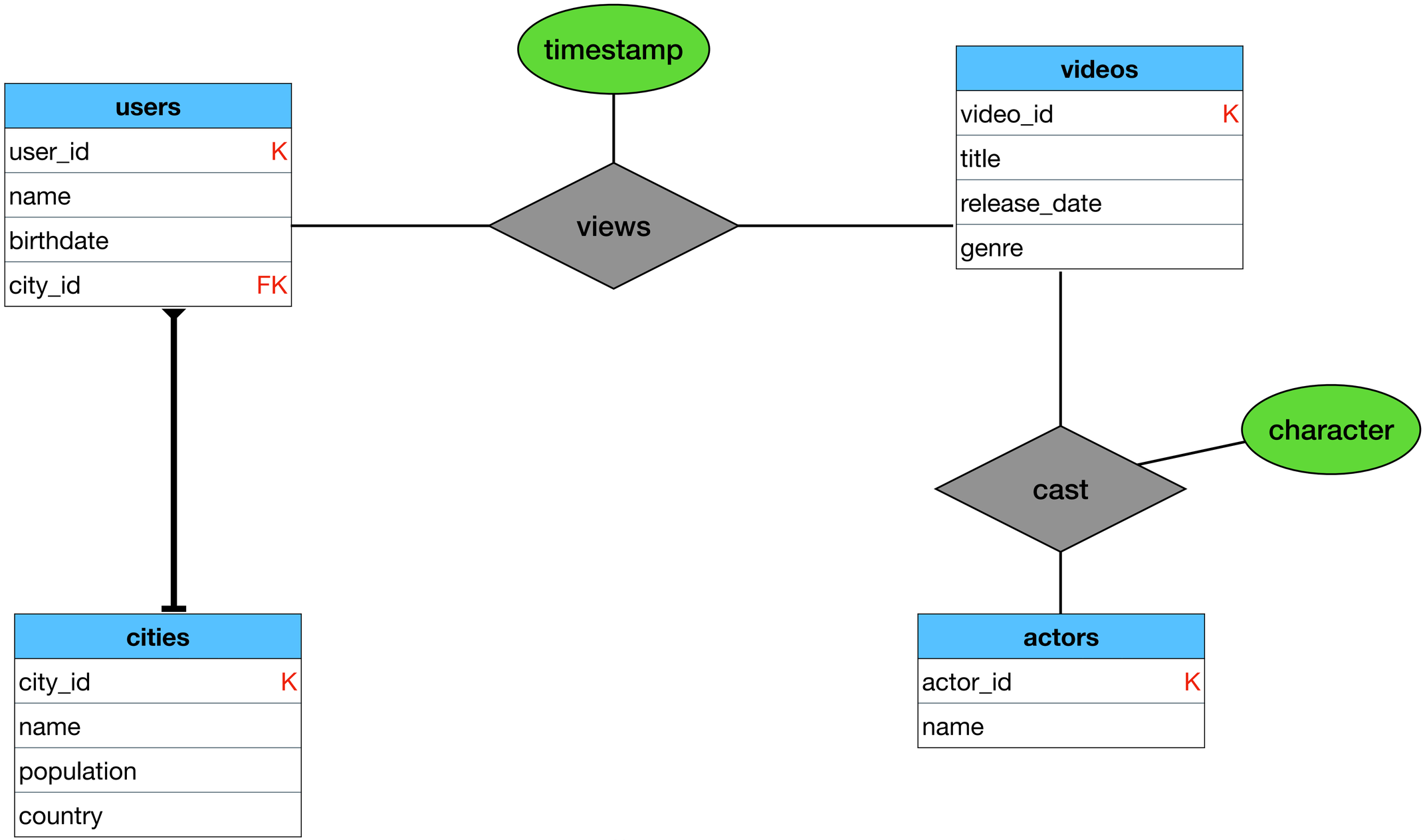
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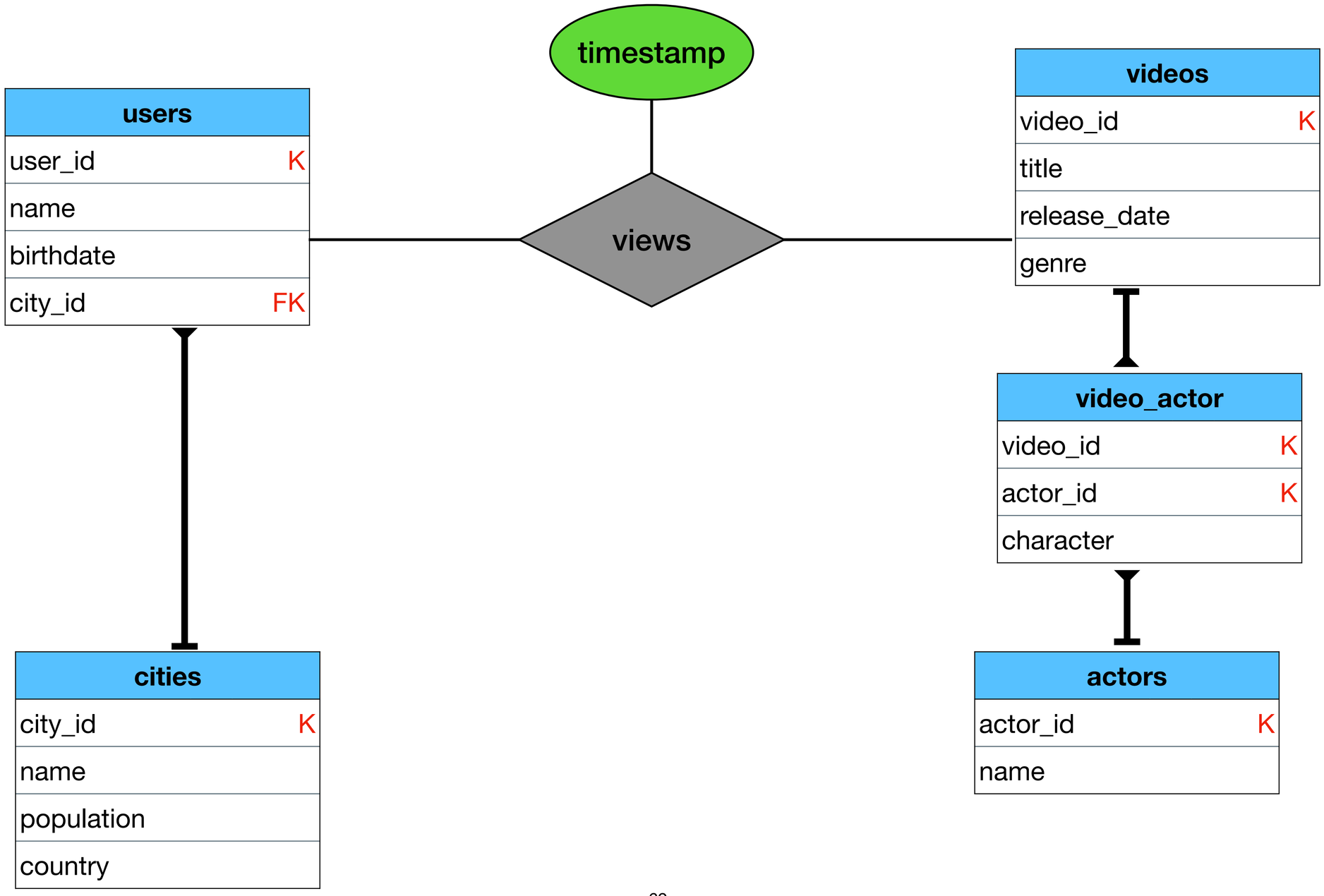
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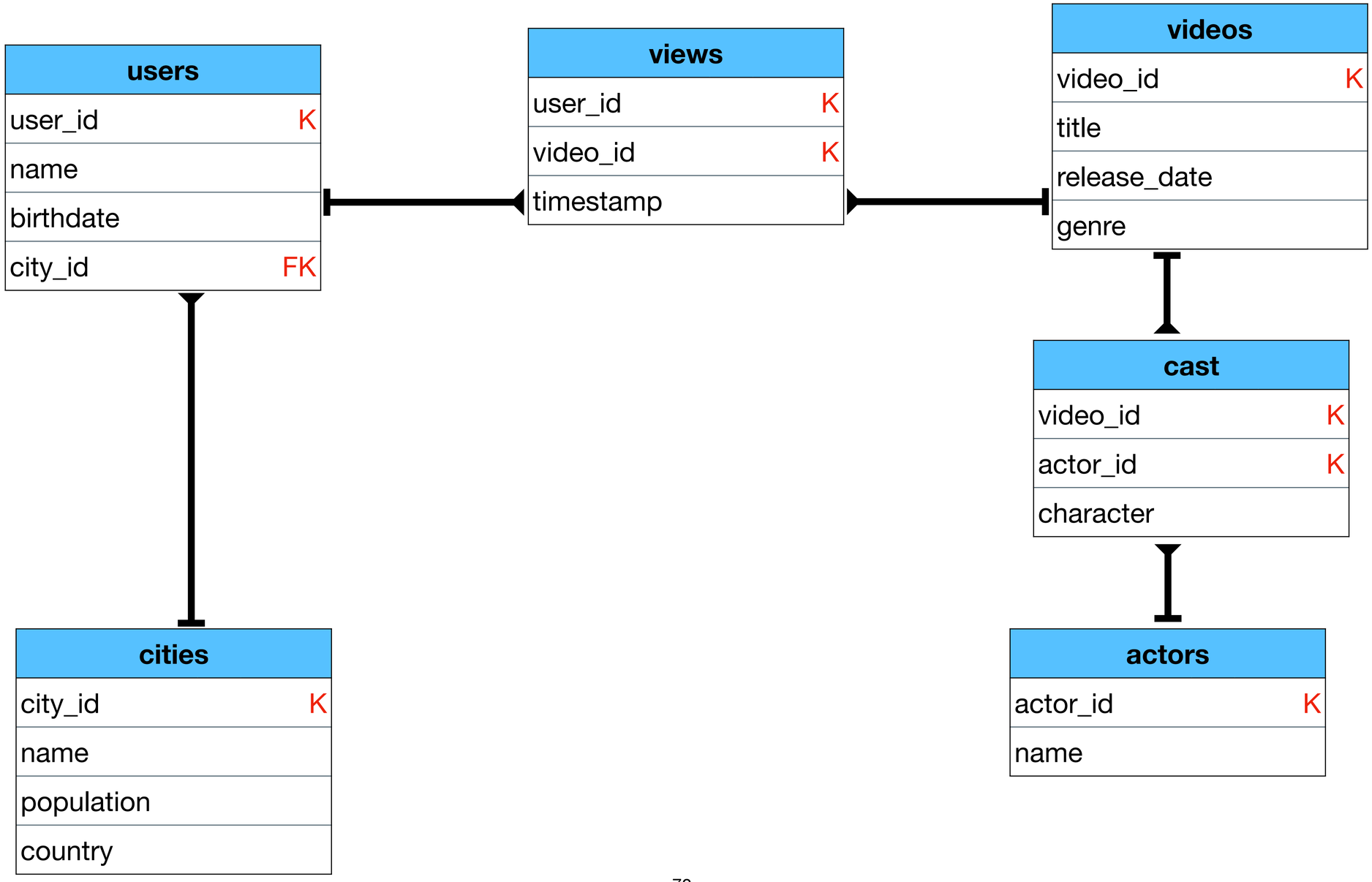
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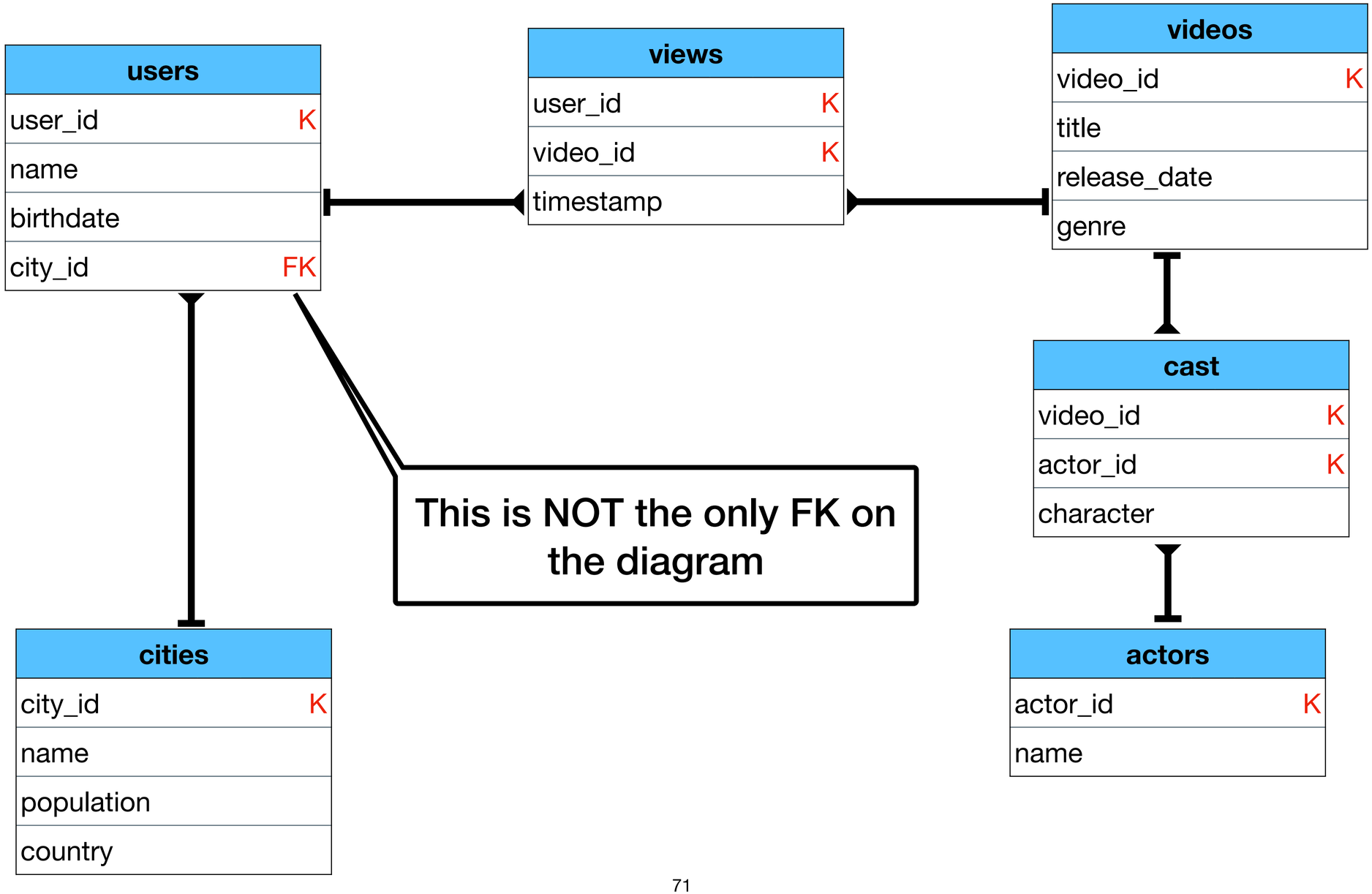
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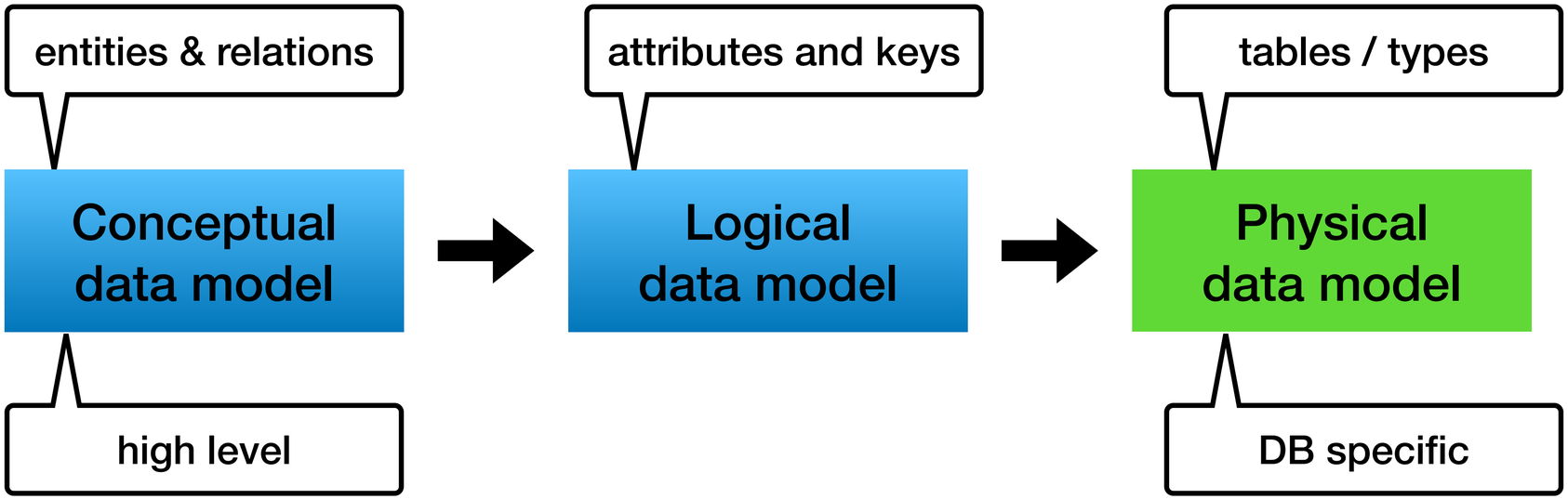
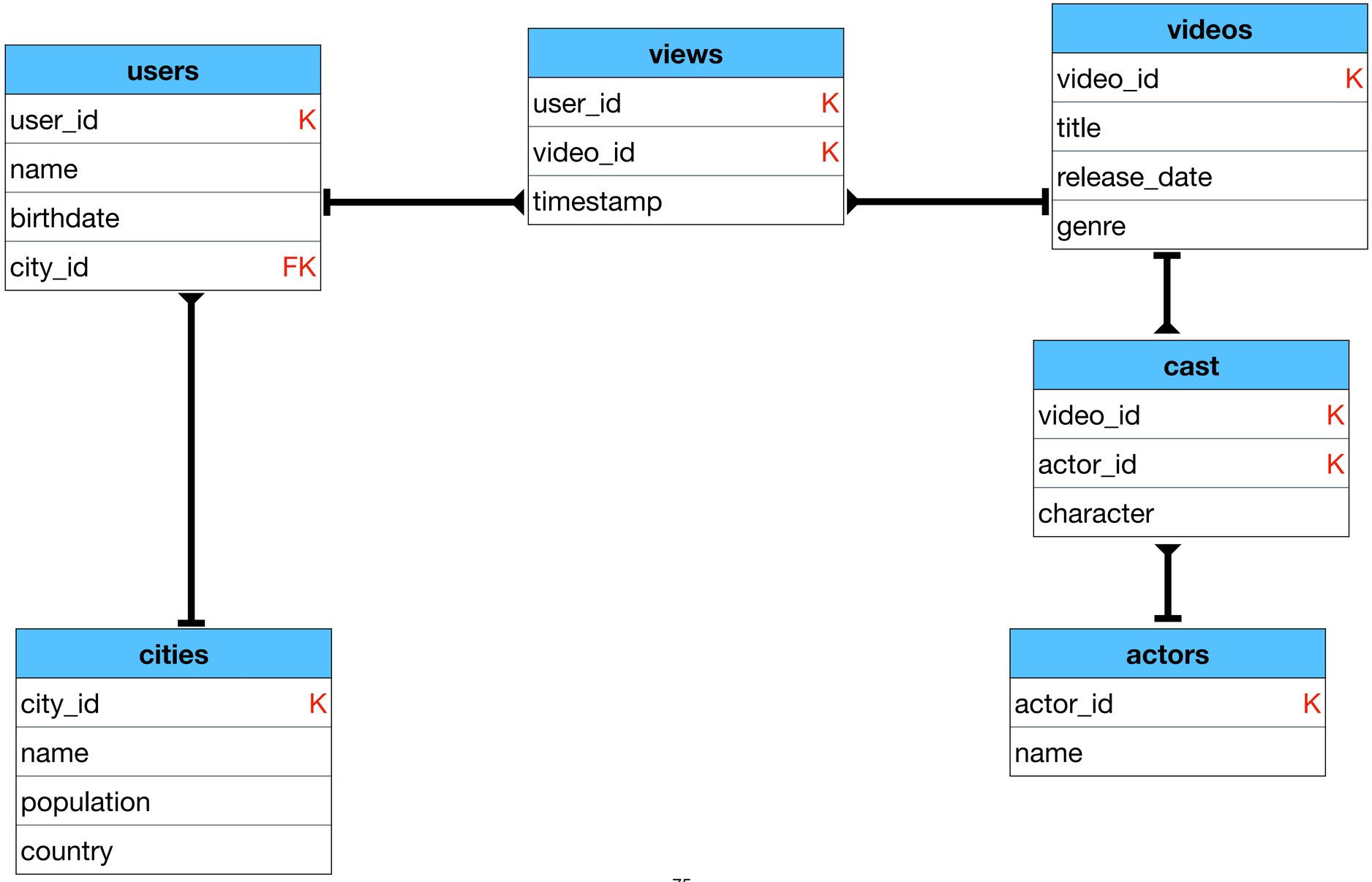
Relational Modeling - 10,000 foot view



Physical data model

- Finalize the schema
- Add types
- Generate create table statements

Example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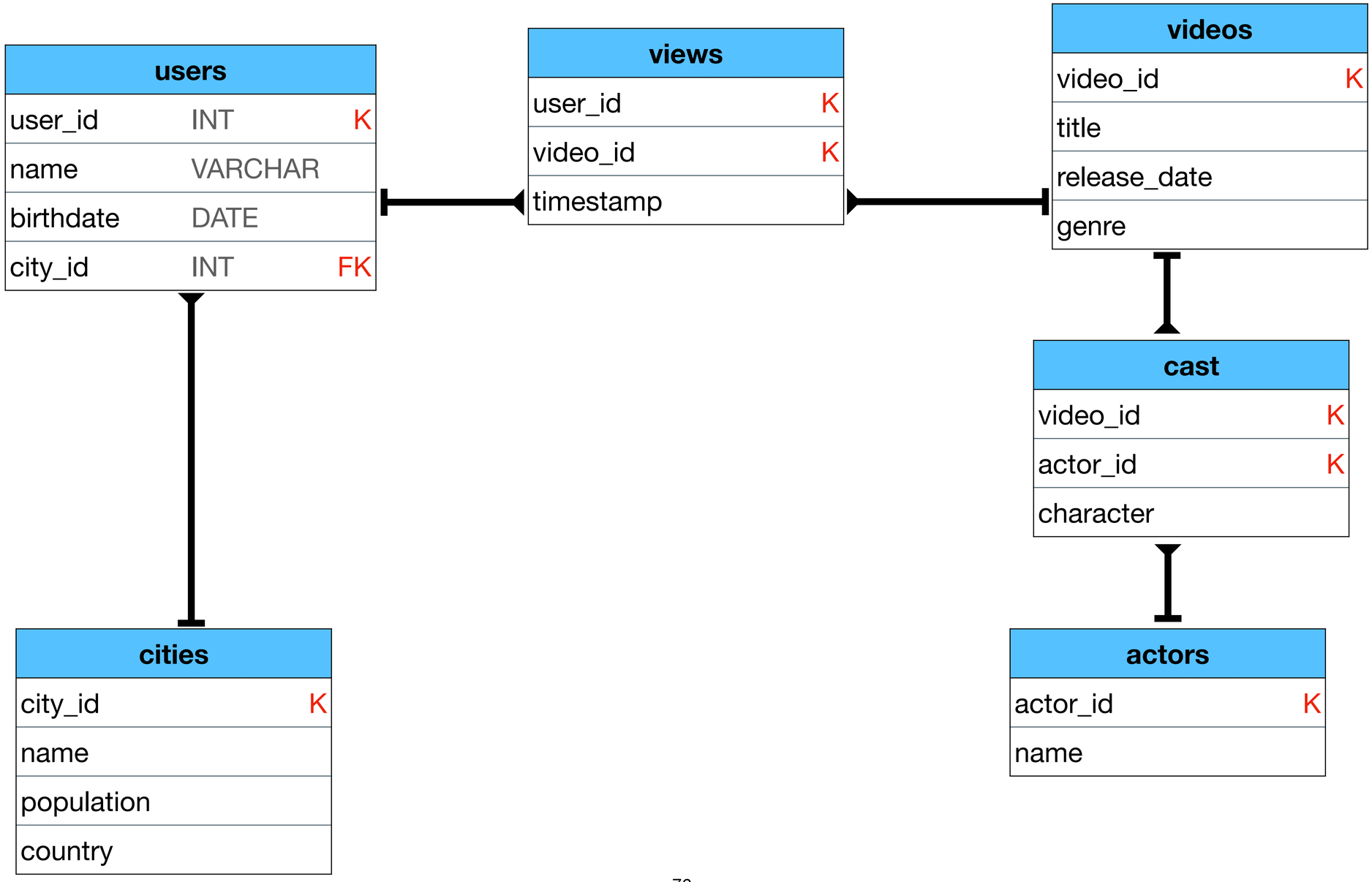
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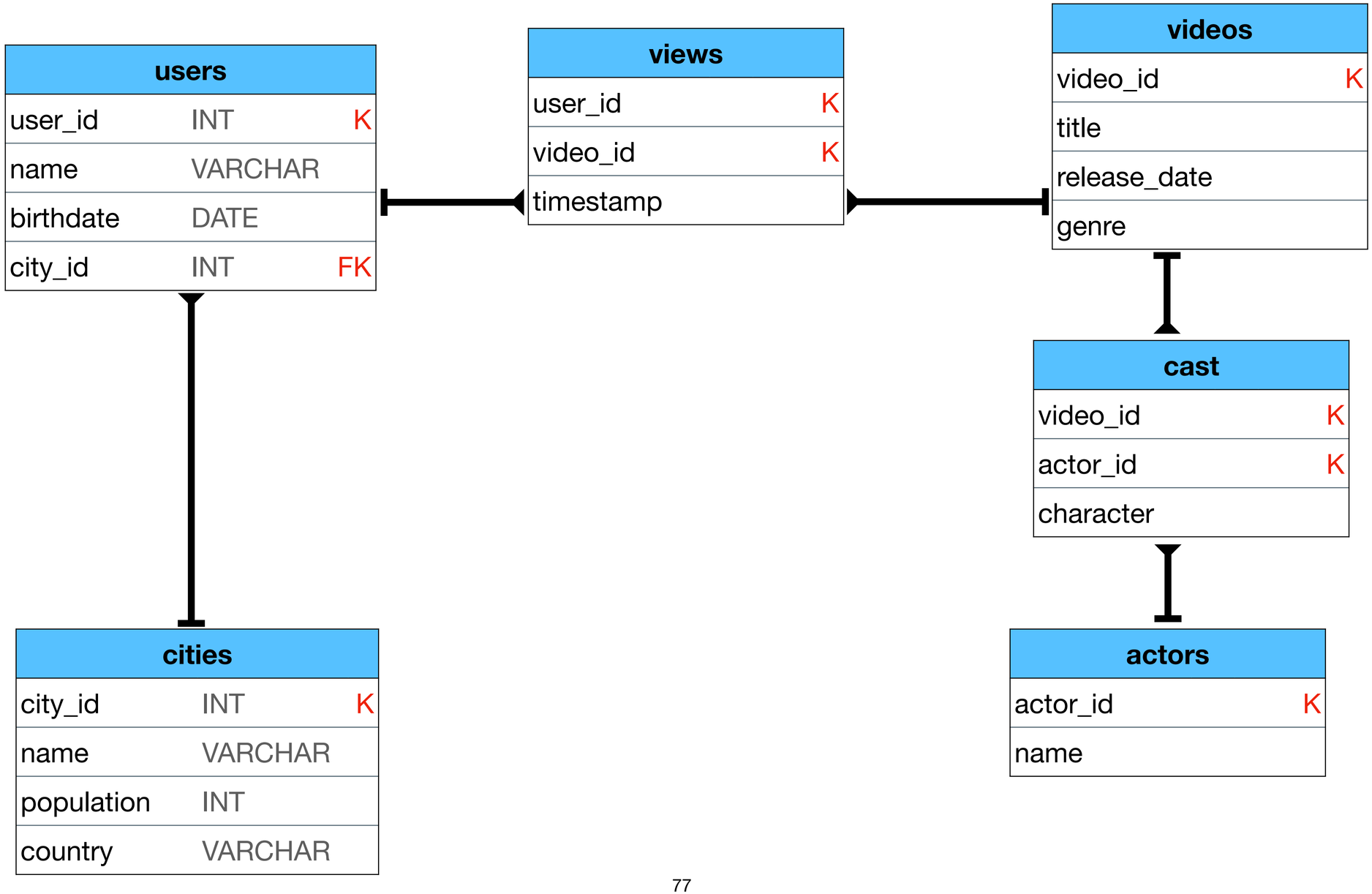
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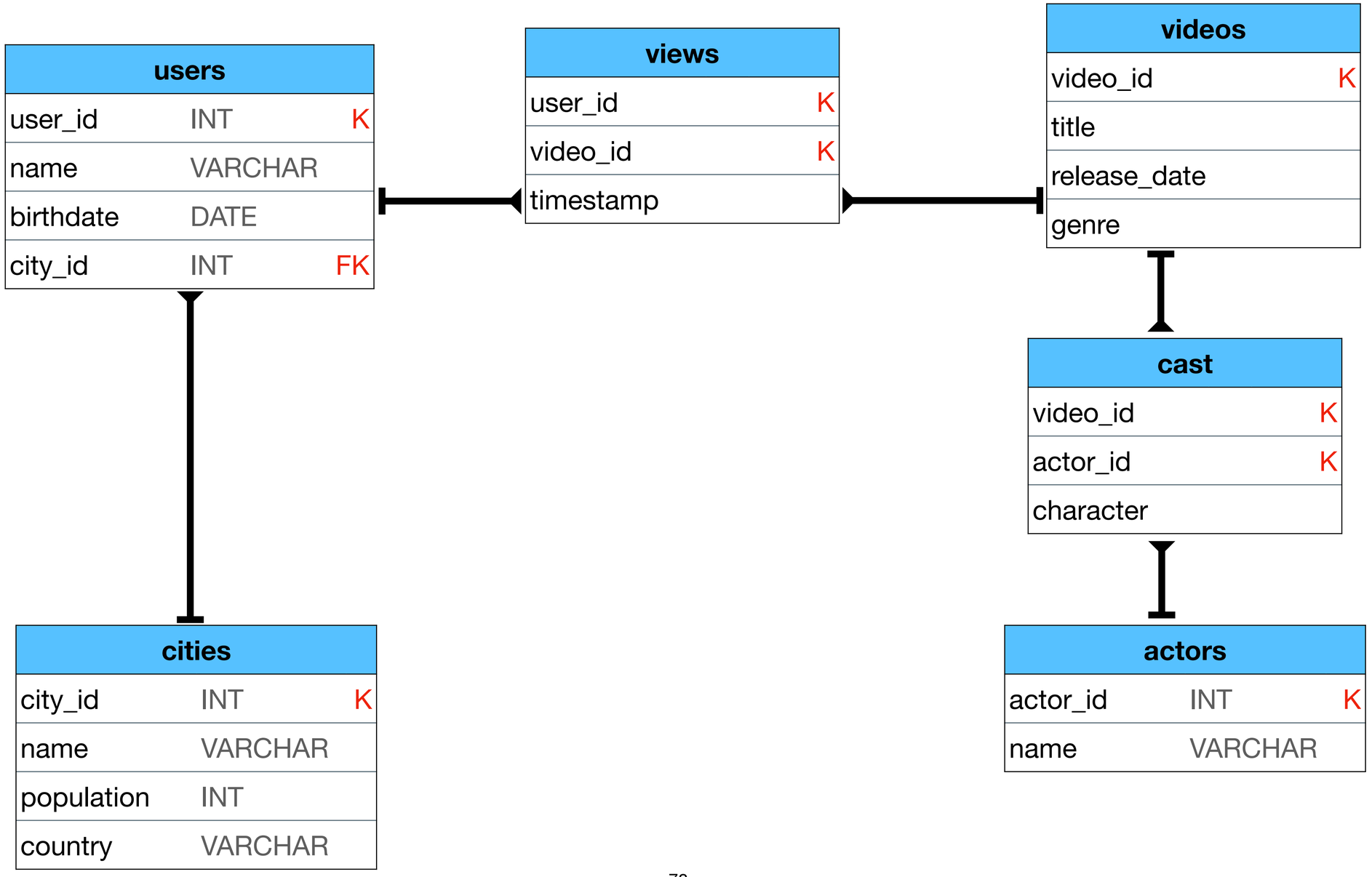
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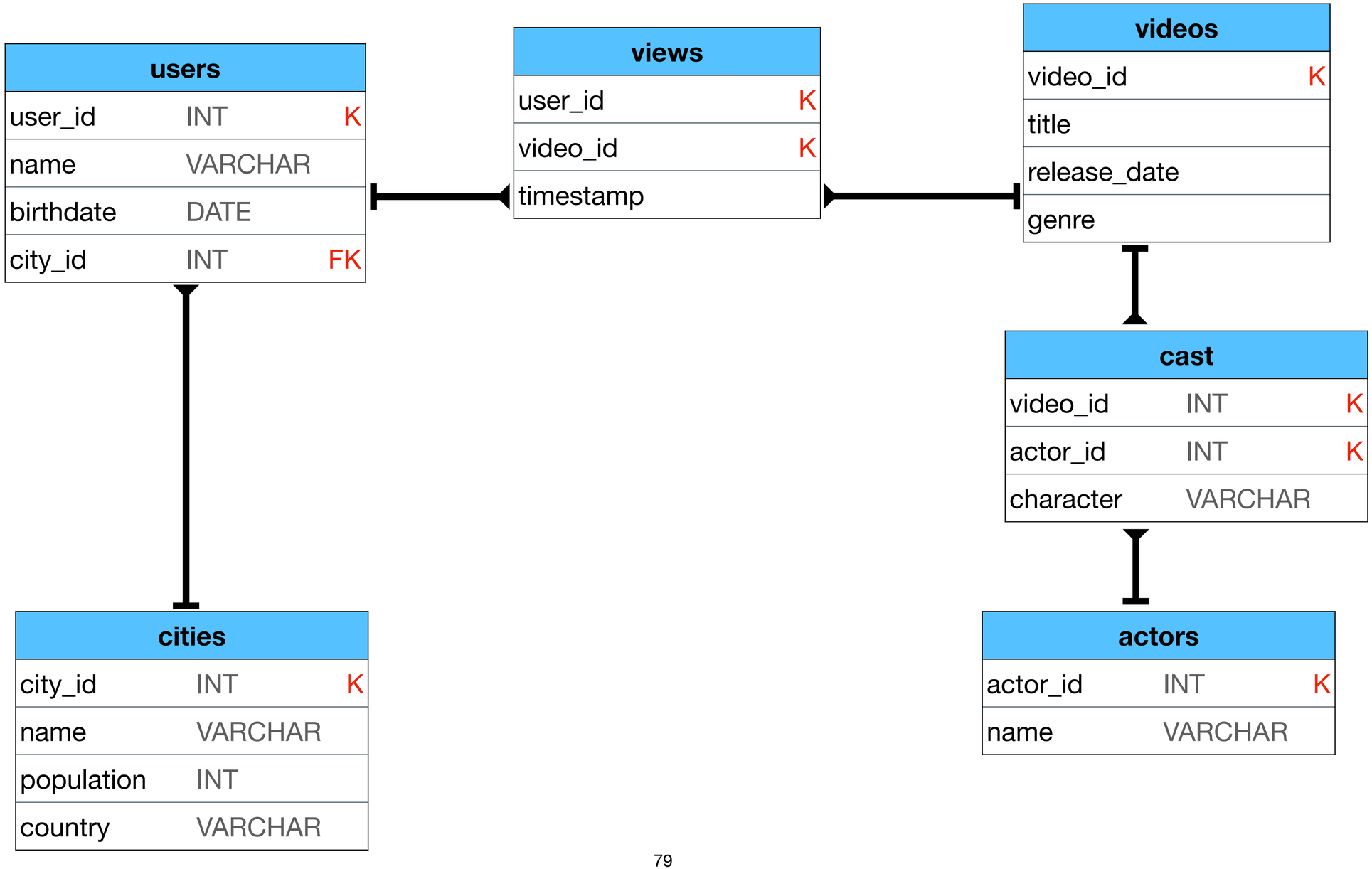
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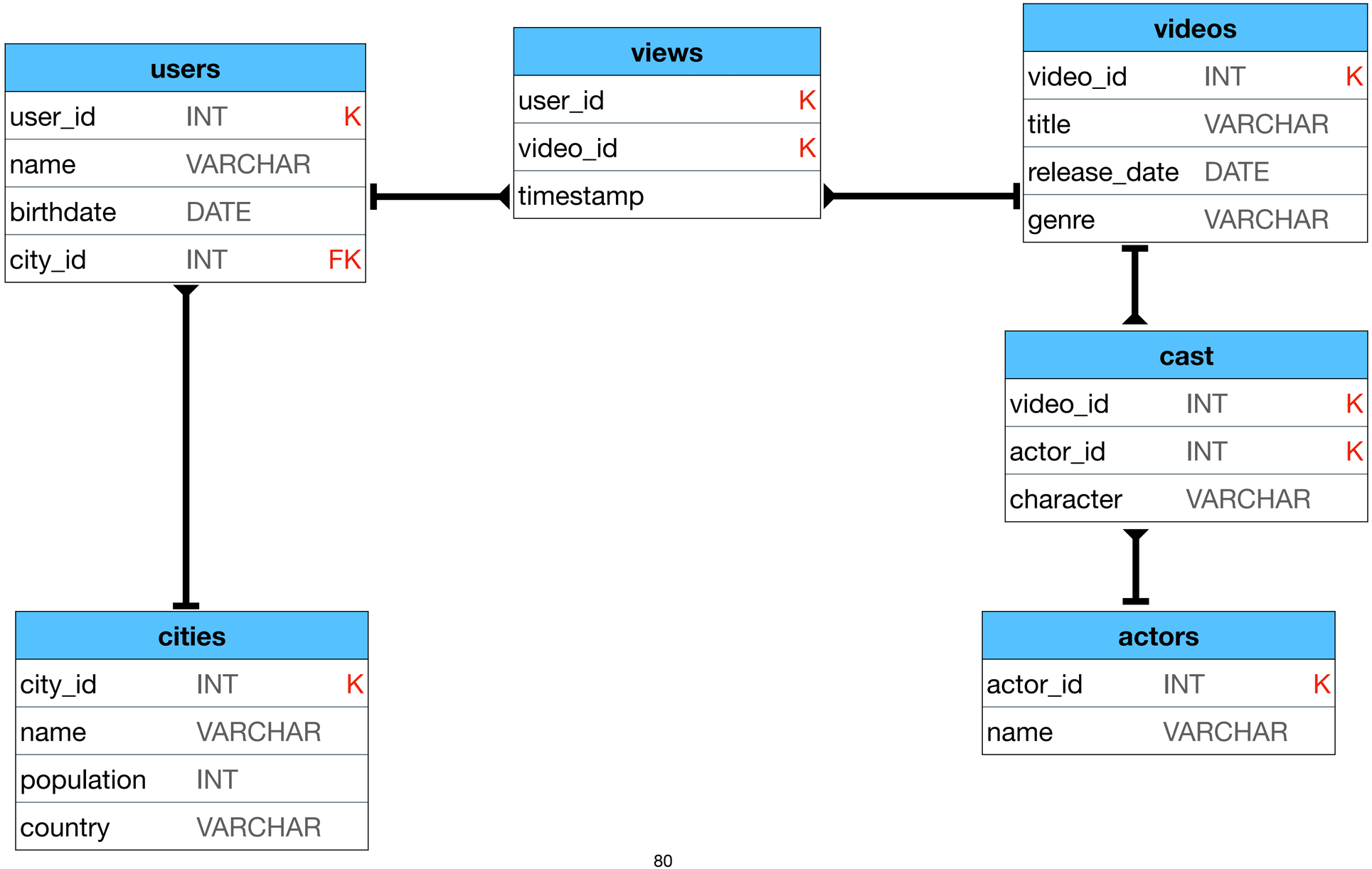
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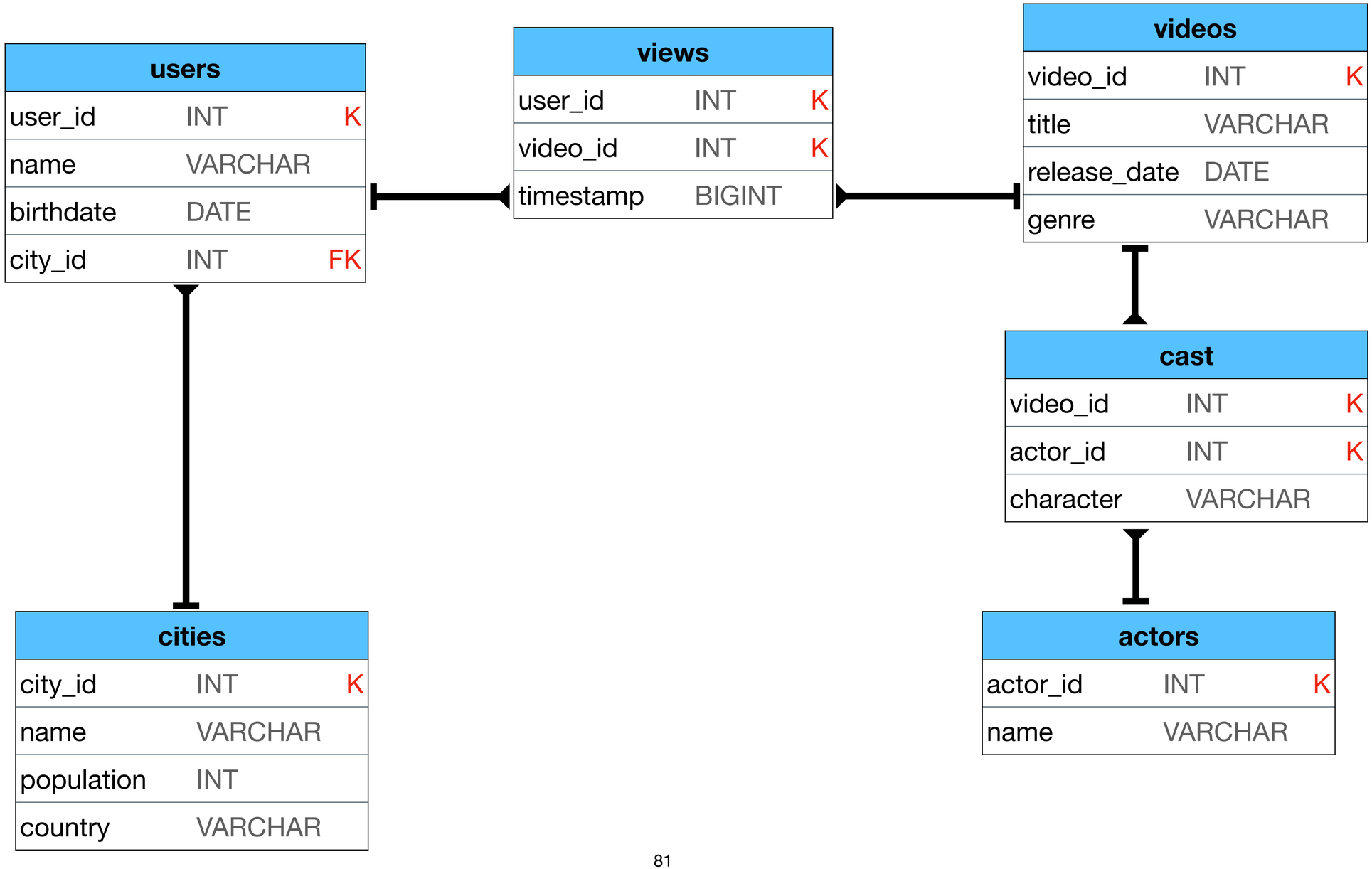
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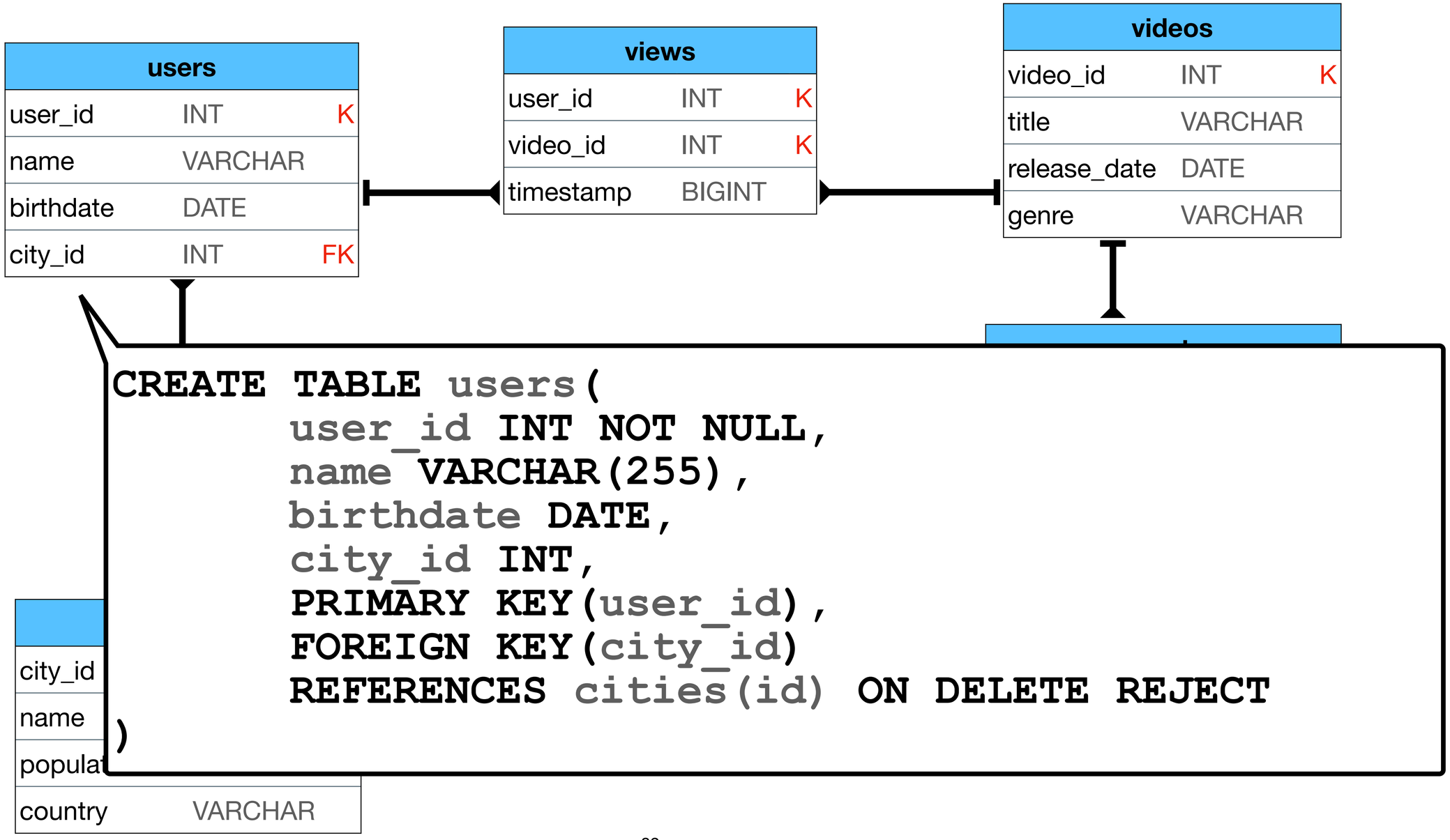
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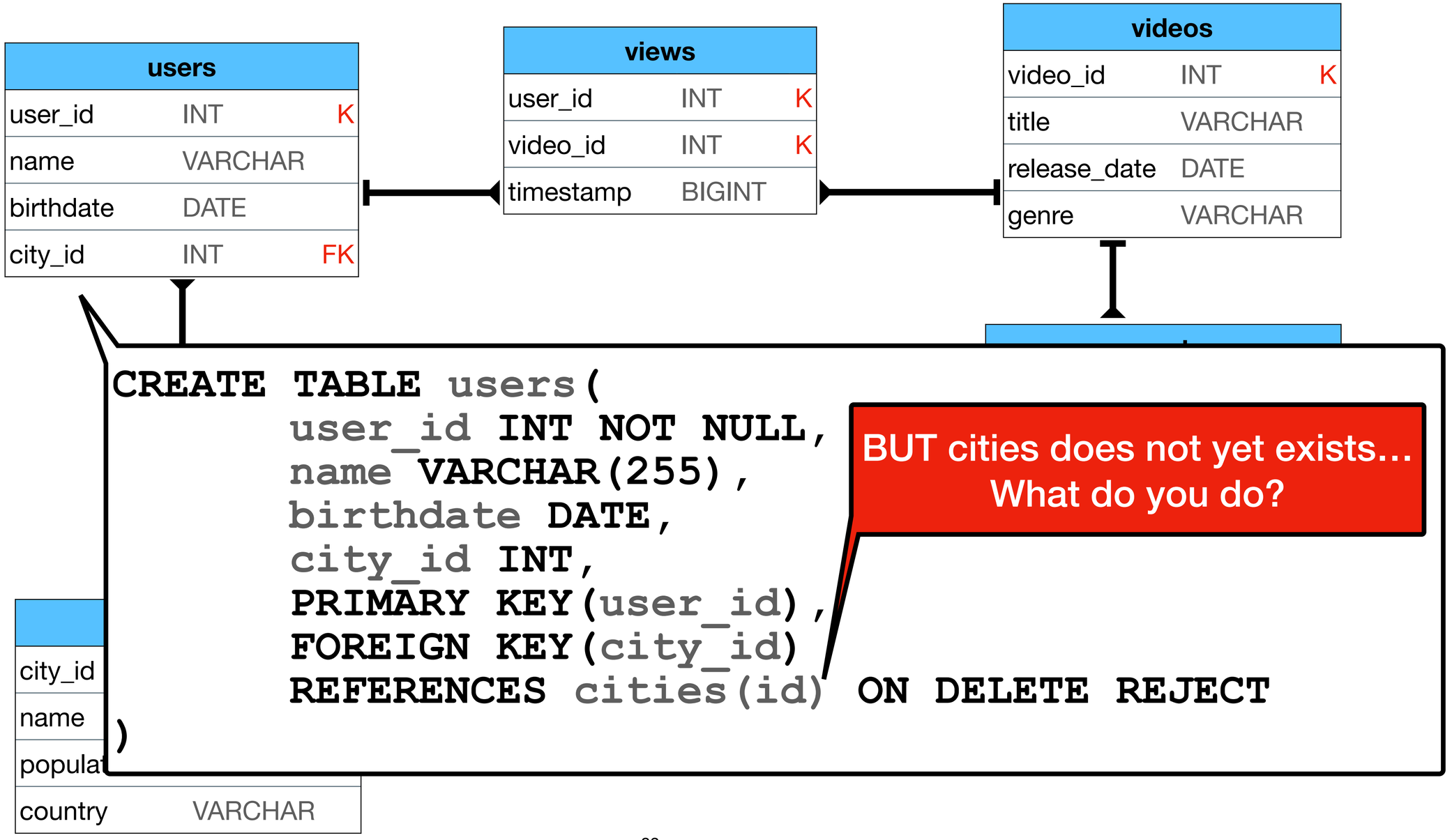
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What do you do?
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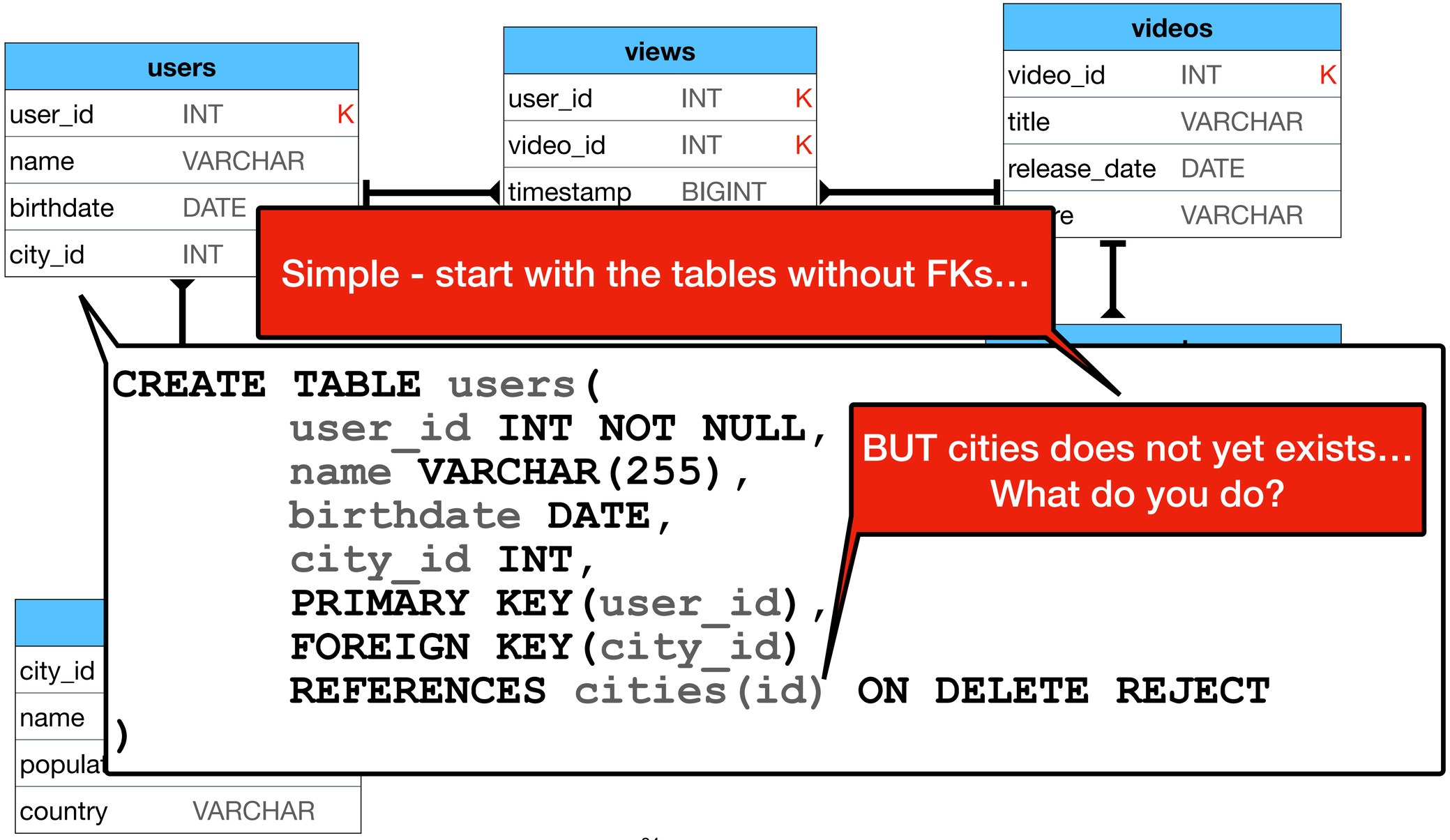
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Design examples

Example (1)

- What is the problem here? Solution?

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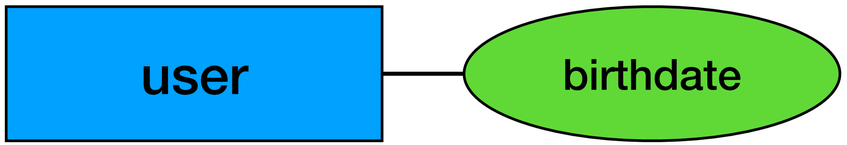

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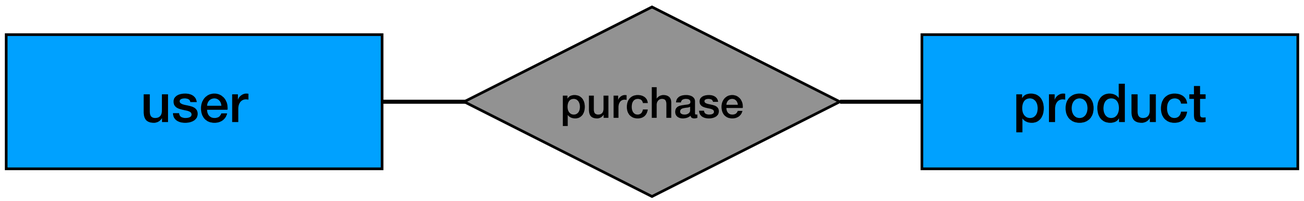
- What is the problem here? Solution?



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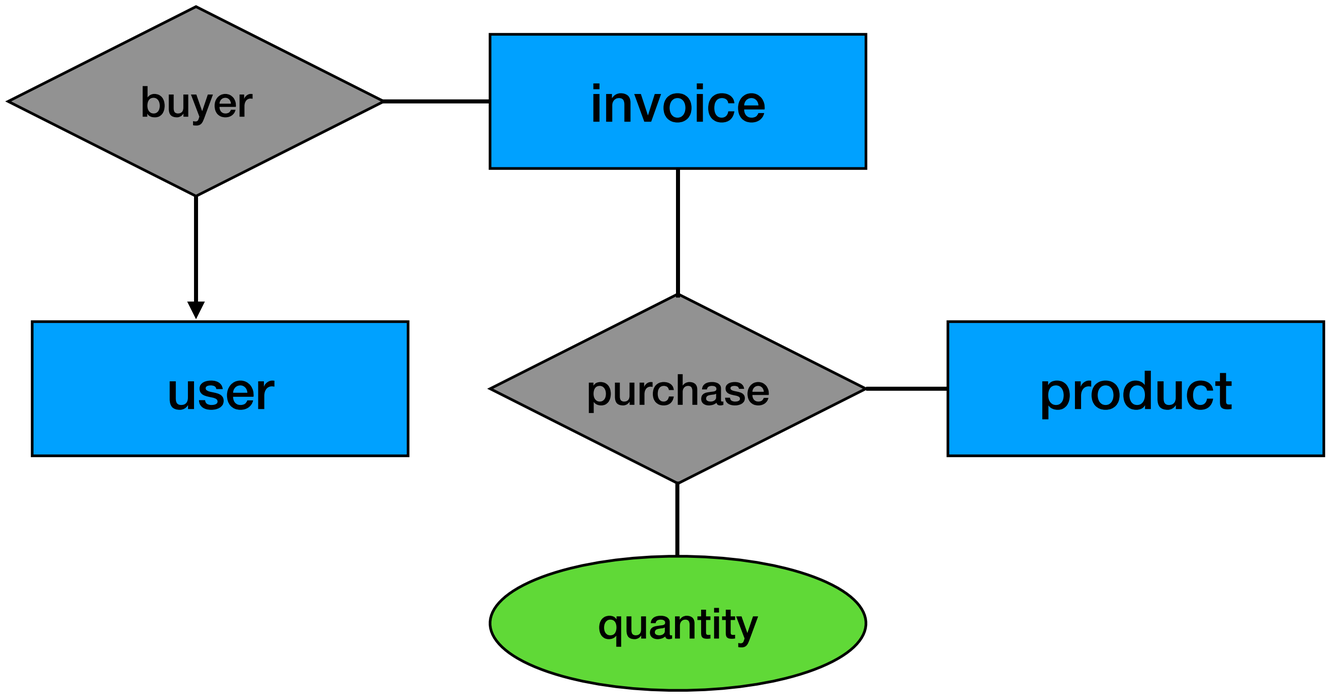

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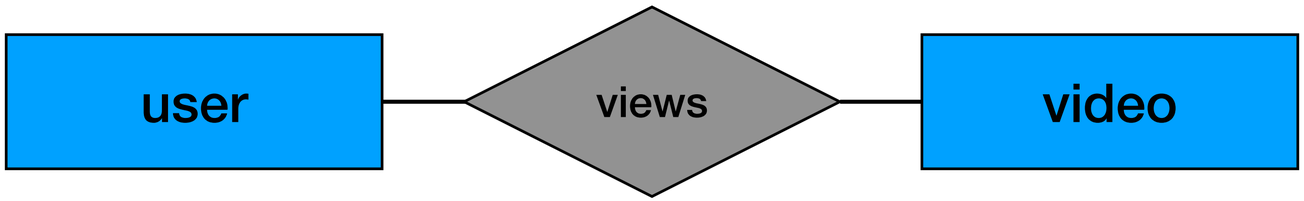

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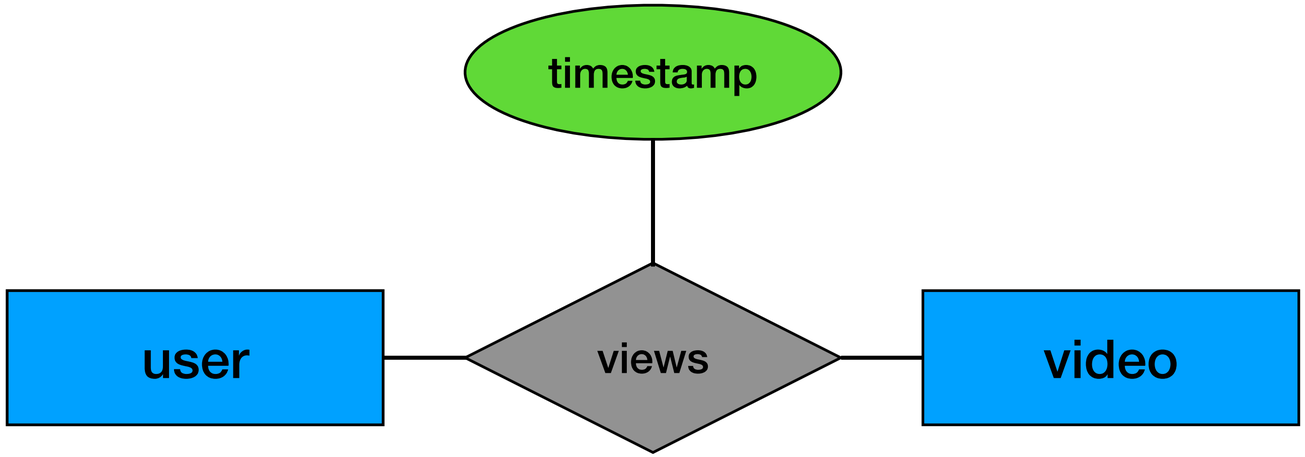

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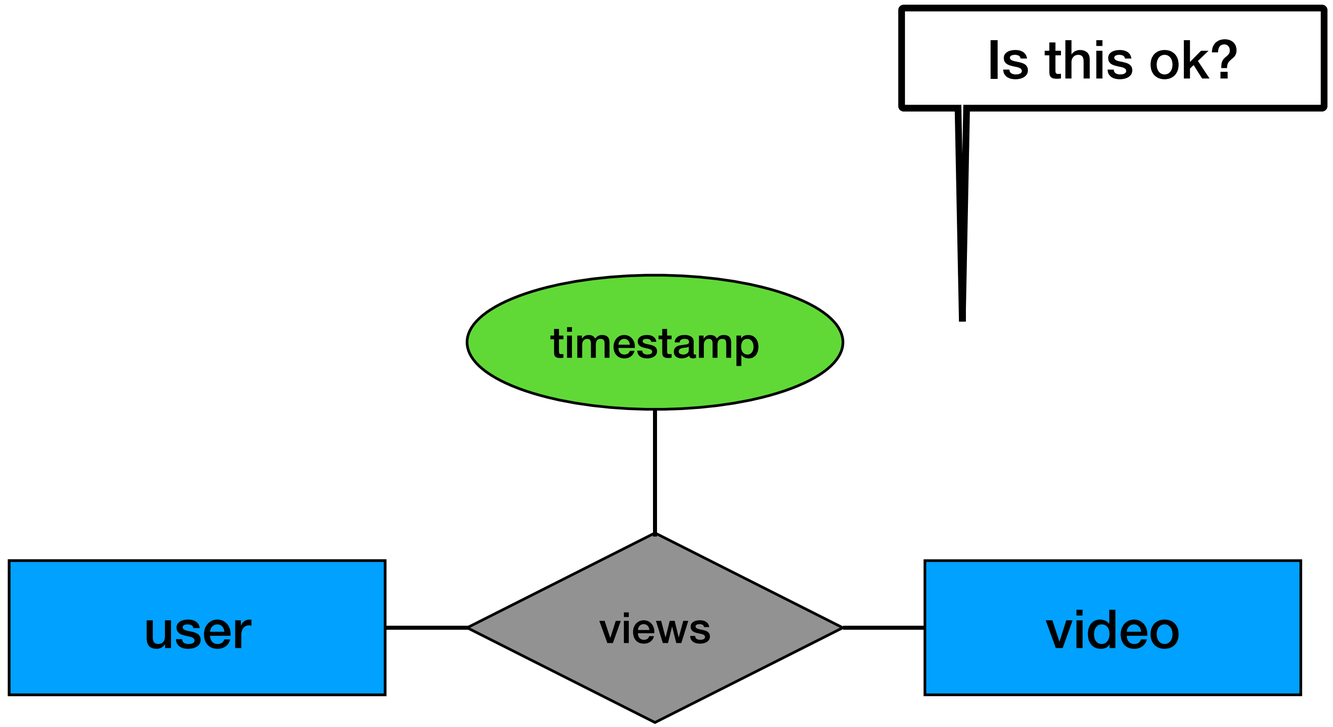

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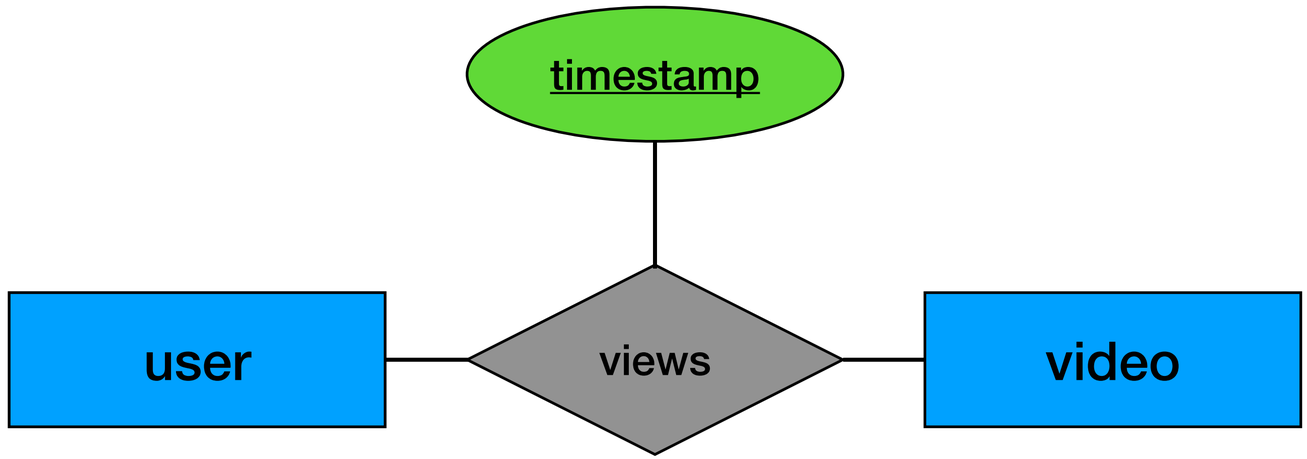

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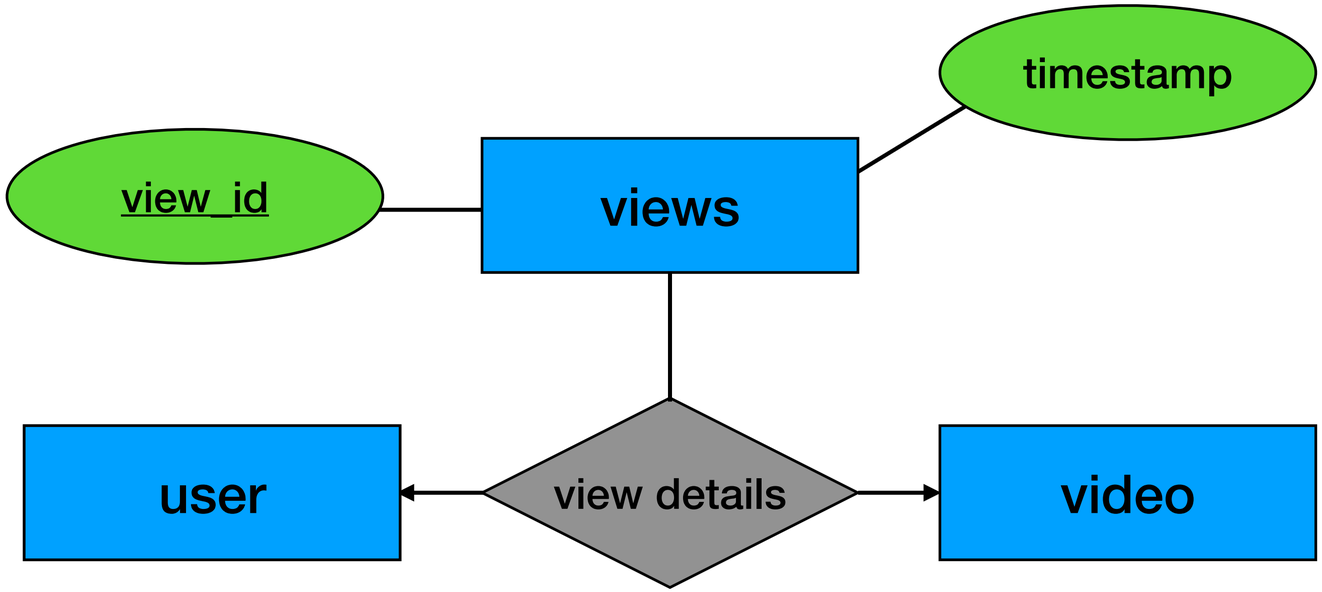

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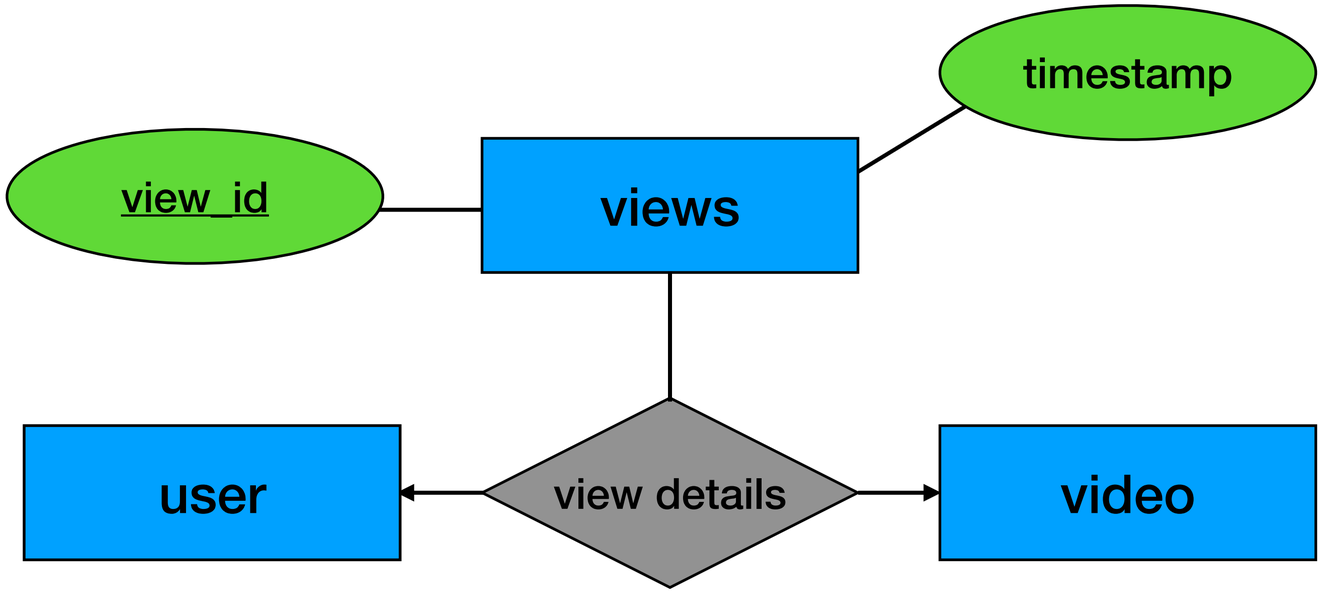

views_option_2		
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user_id	INT	FK
video_id	INT	FK
timestamp	BIGINT	

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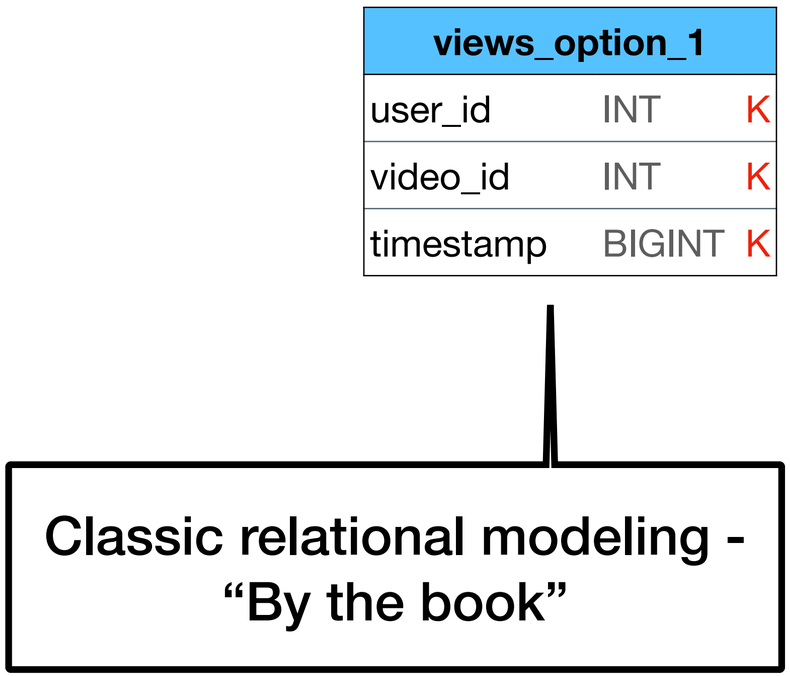

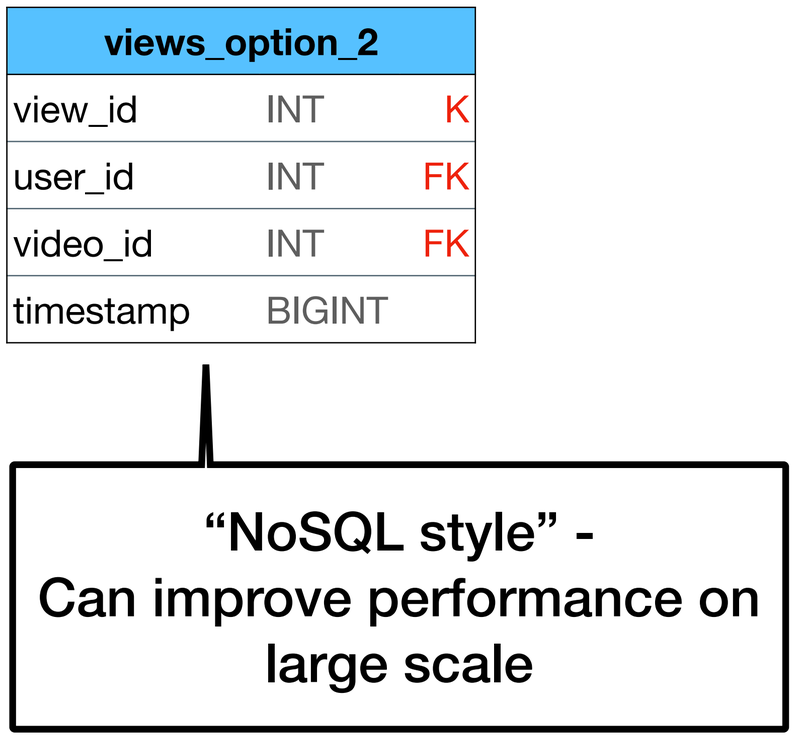

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video_id	INT	K
timestamp	BIGINT	K

Classic relational modeling - “By the book”

views_option_2		
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video_id	INT	FK
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Modeling is an art…
There is not alway a clear right / wrong answer

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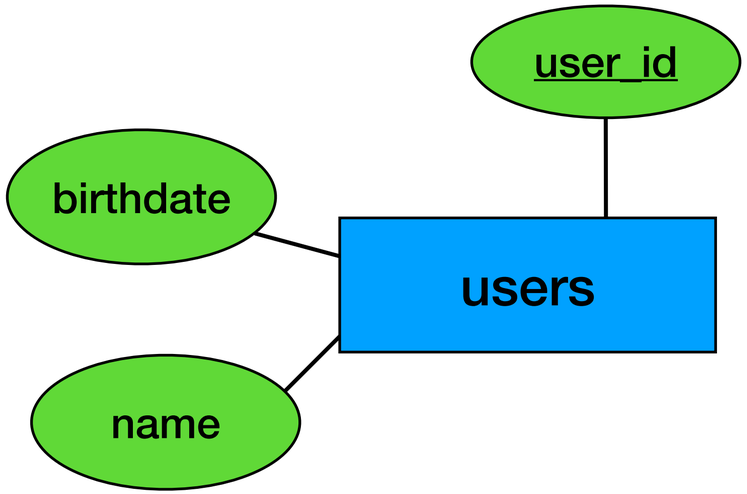

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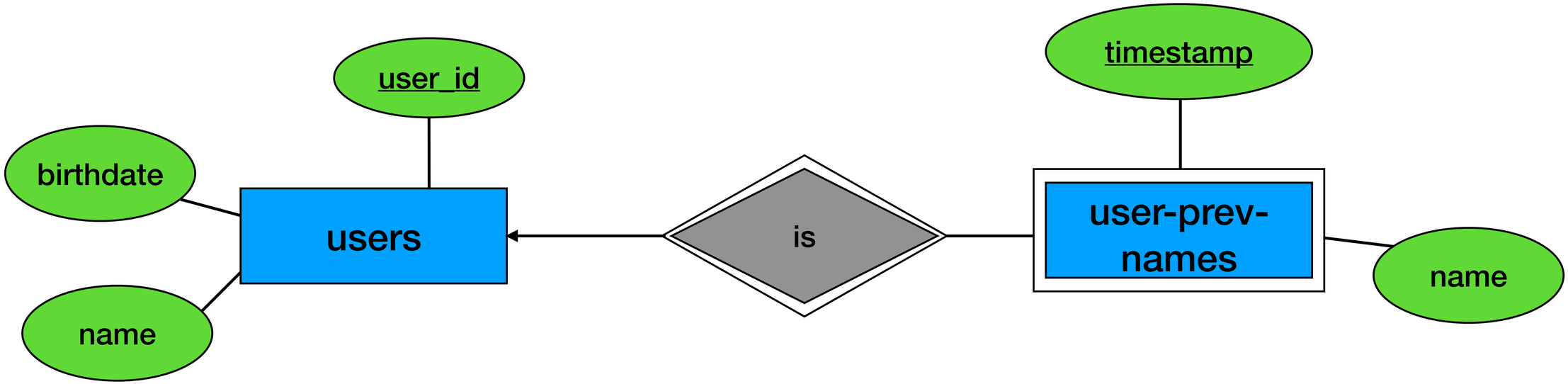

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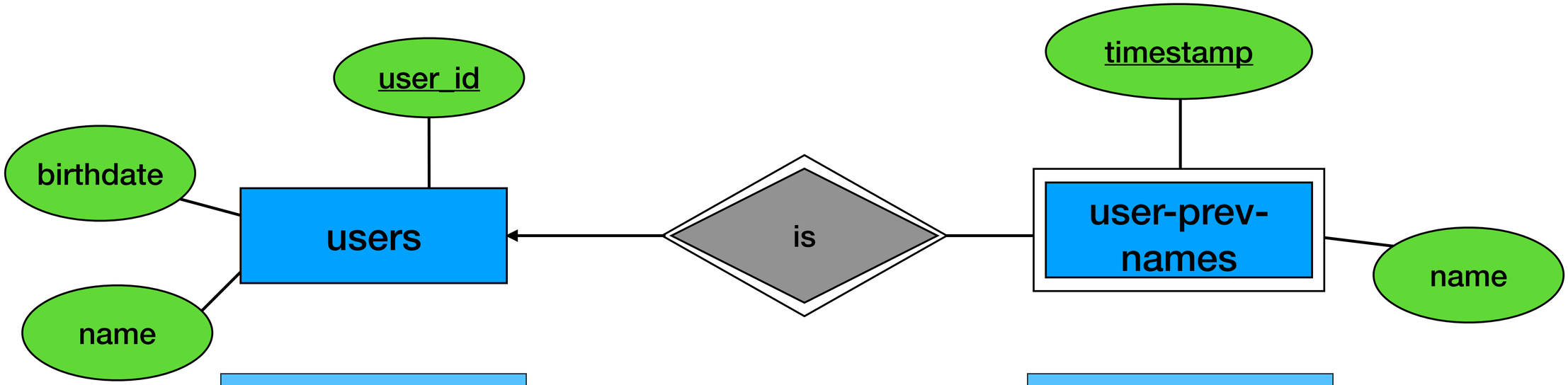

users	
user_id	K
name	
birthdate	

user_names	
user_id	K
timestamp	K
name	

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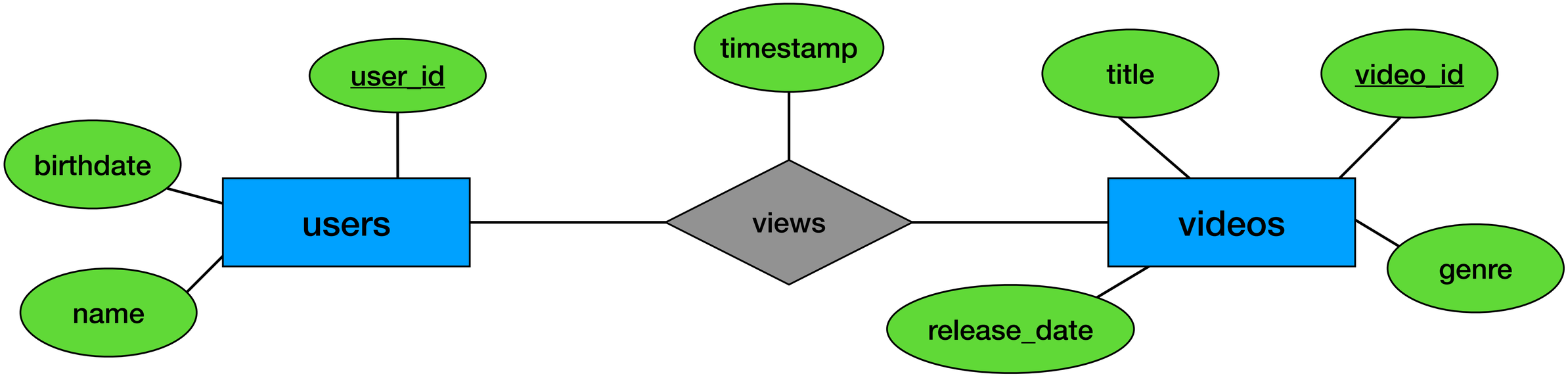

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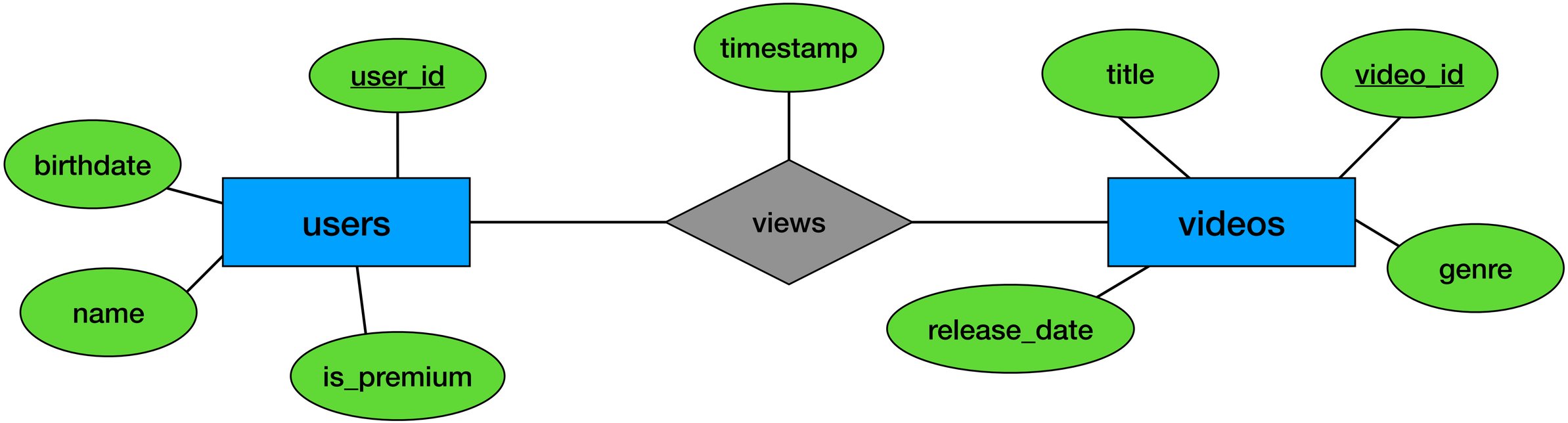

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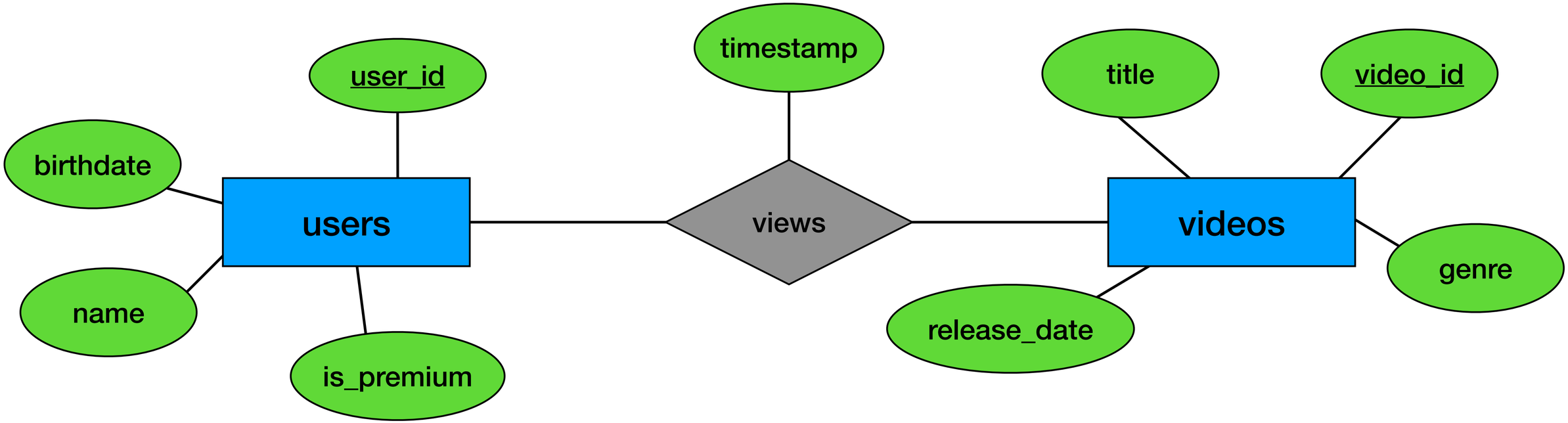

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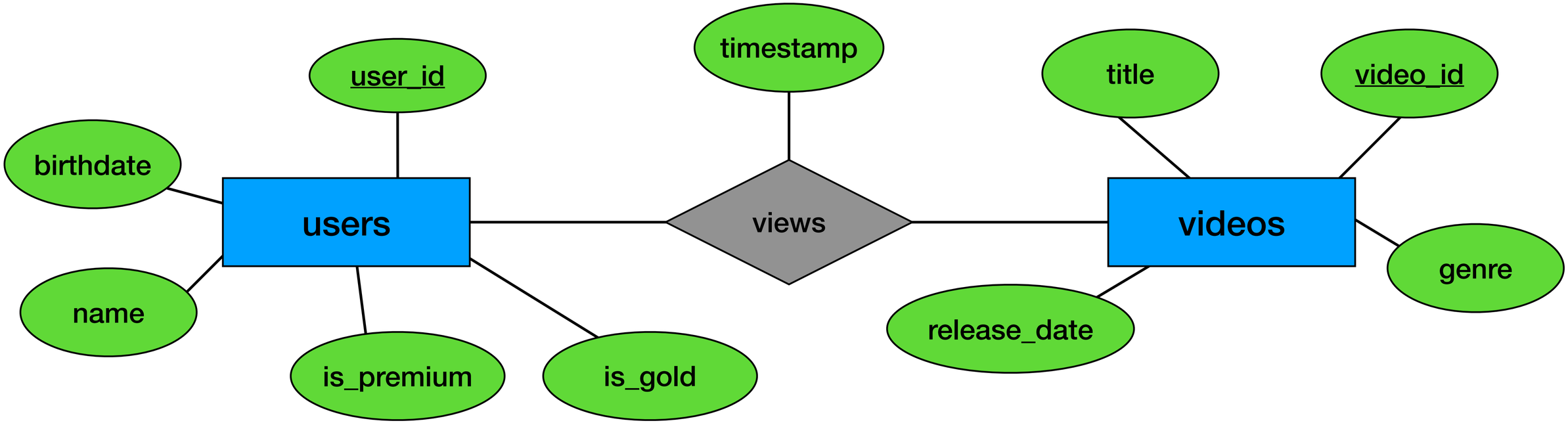

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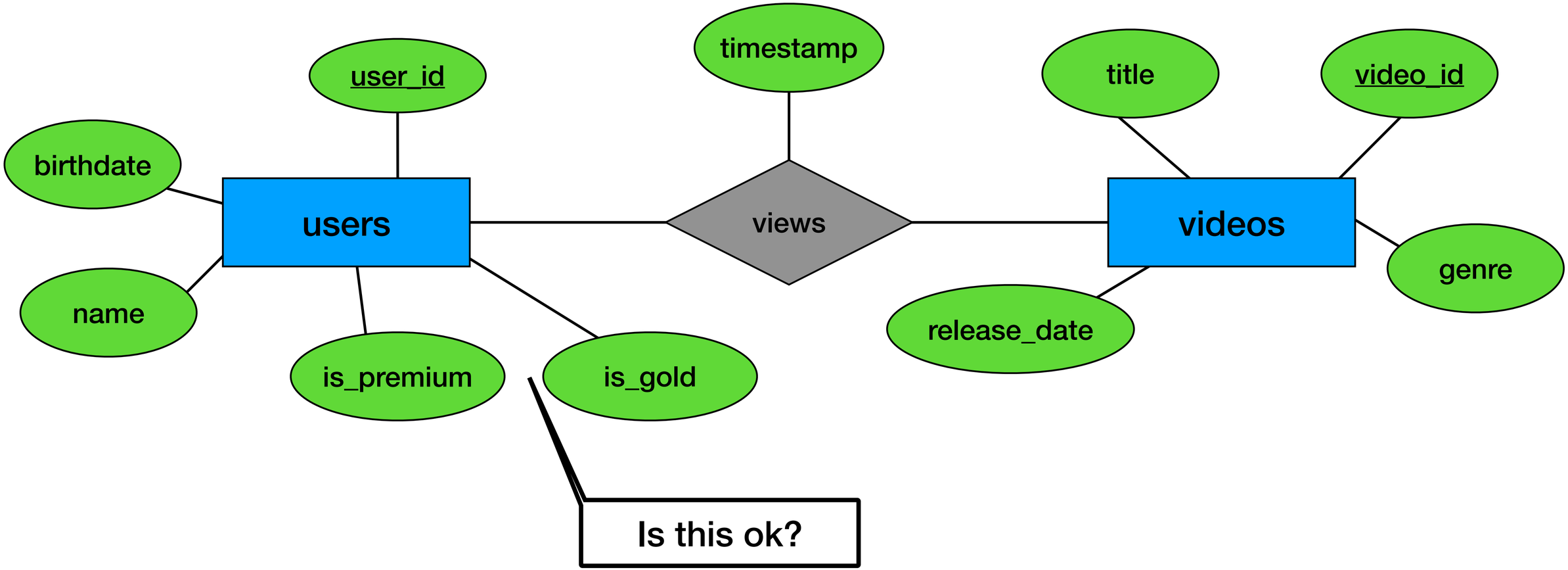

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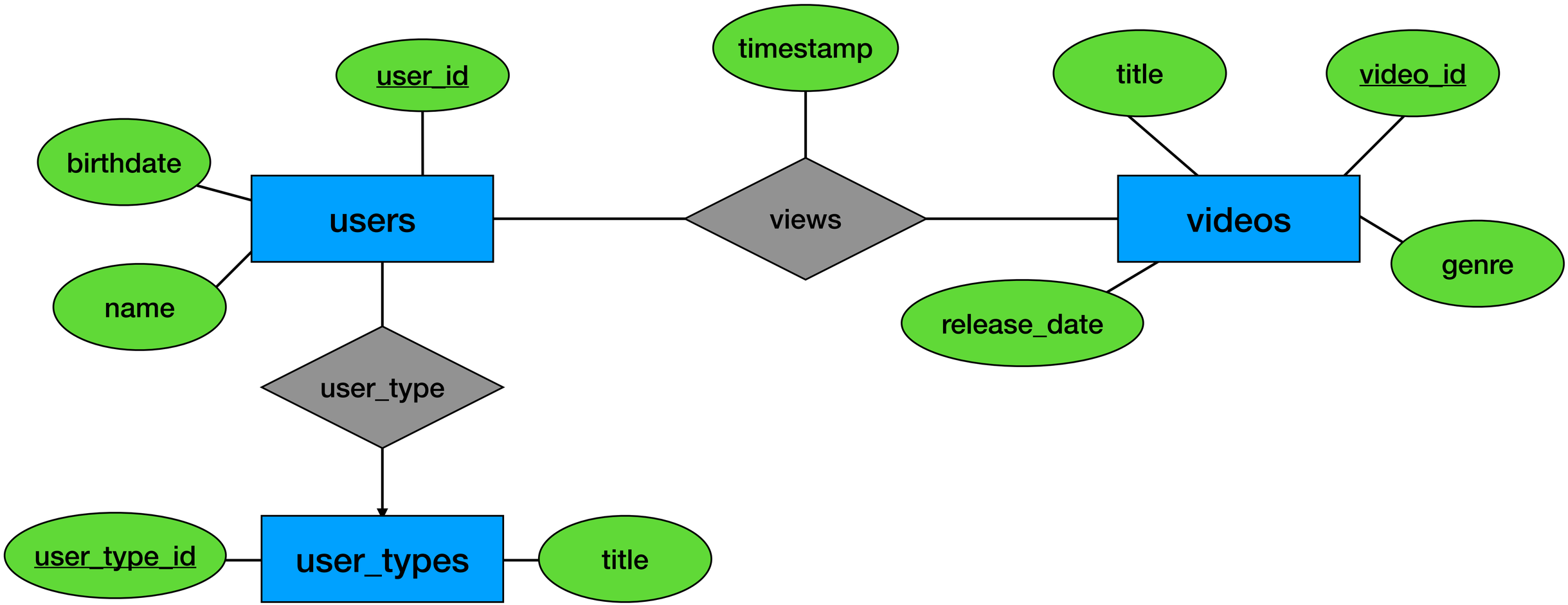

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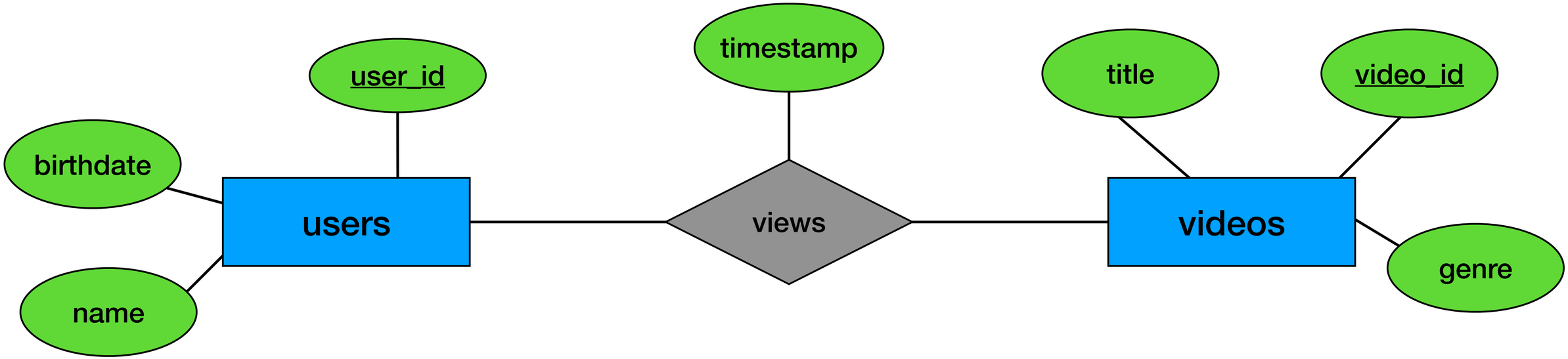

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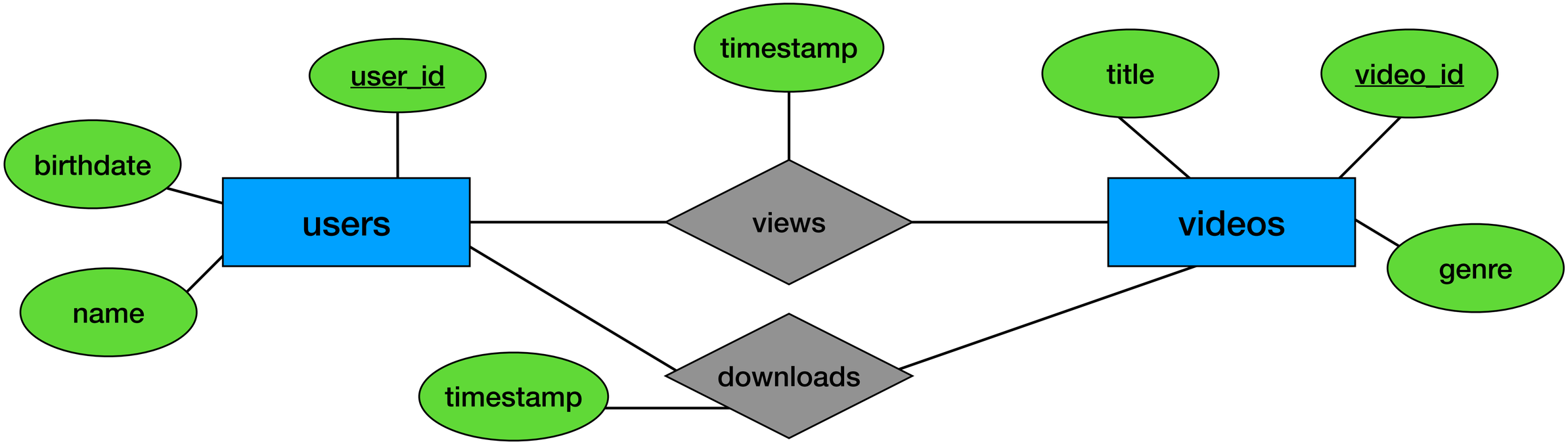

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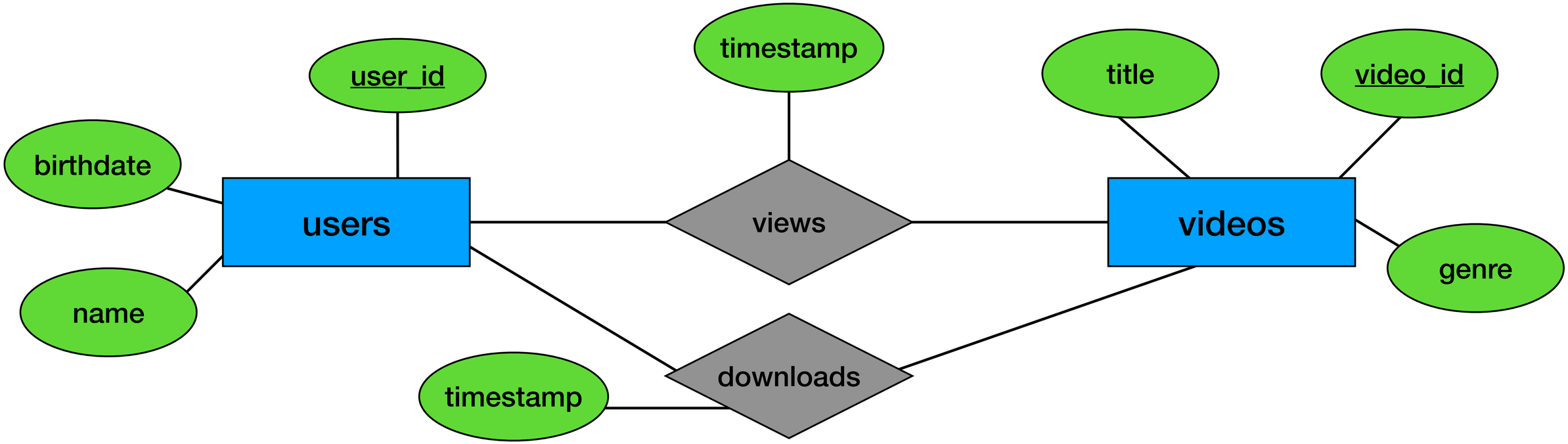

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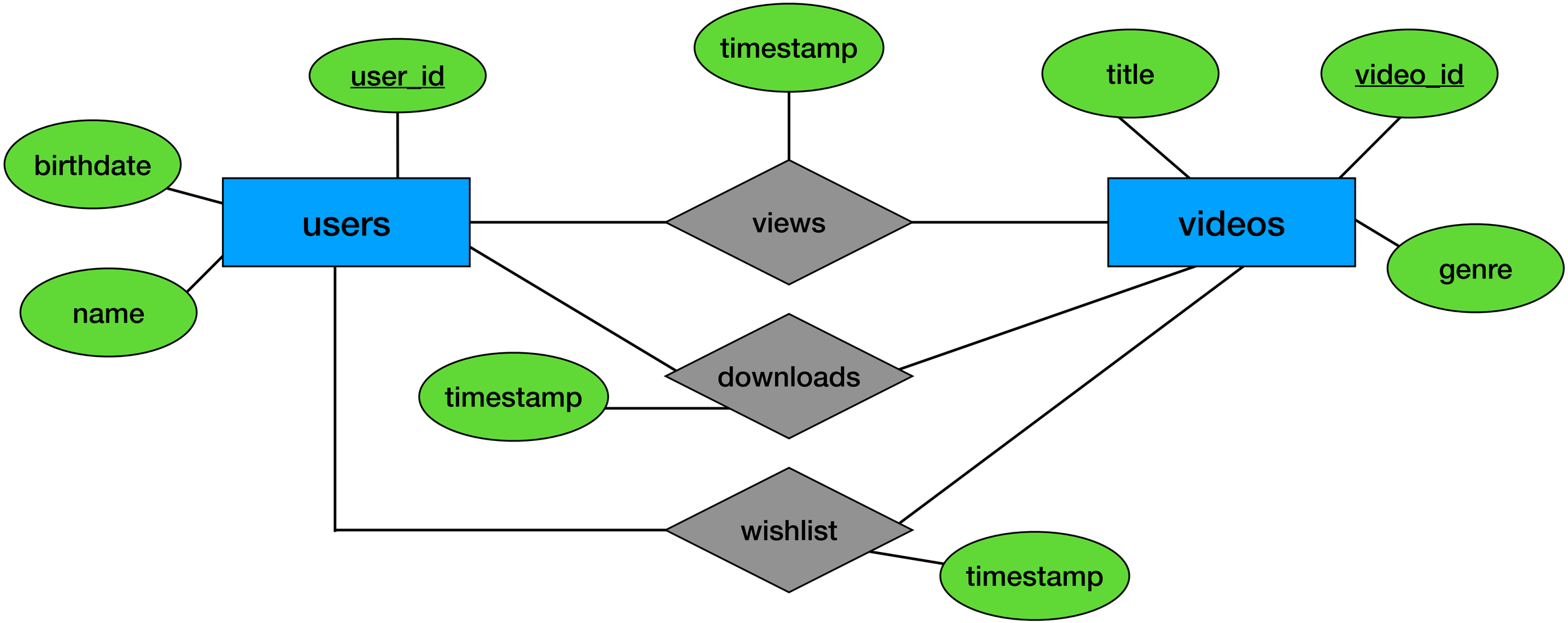

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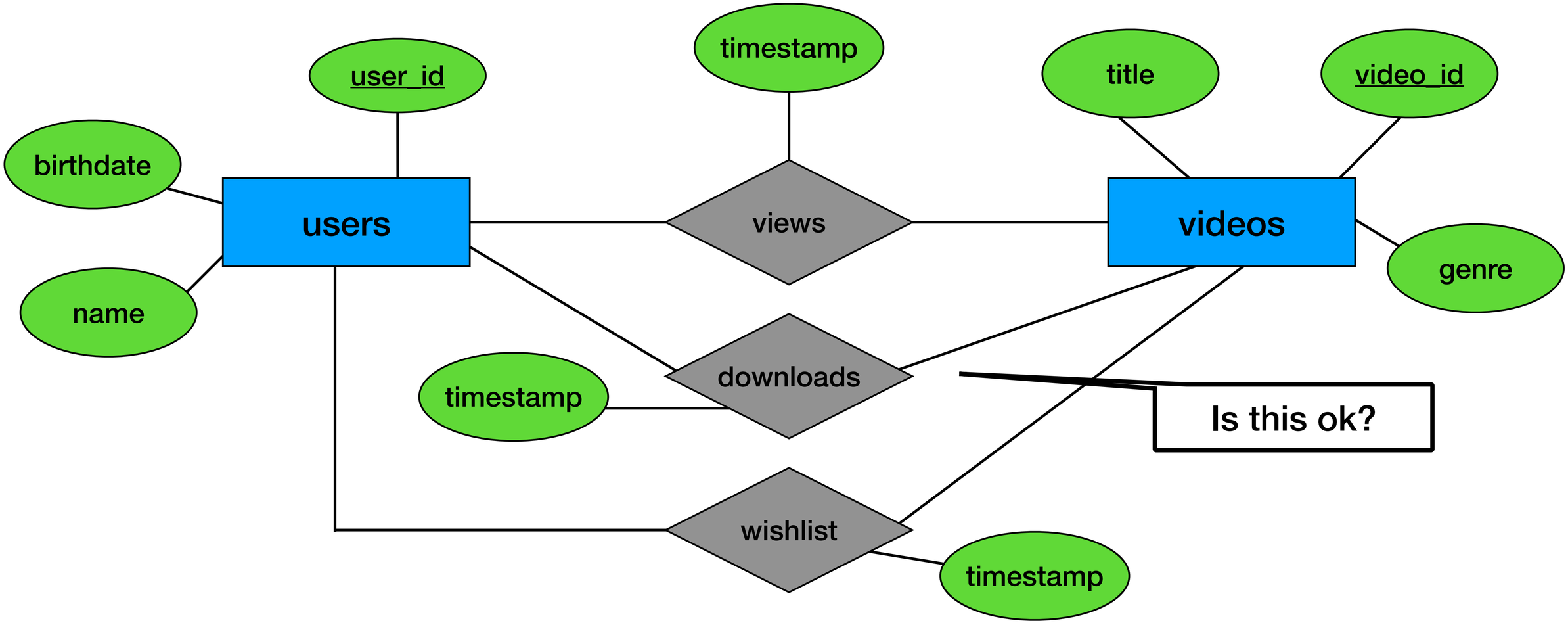

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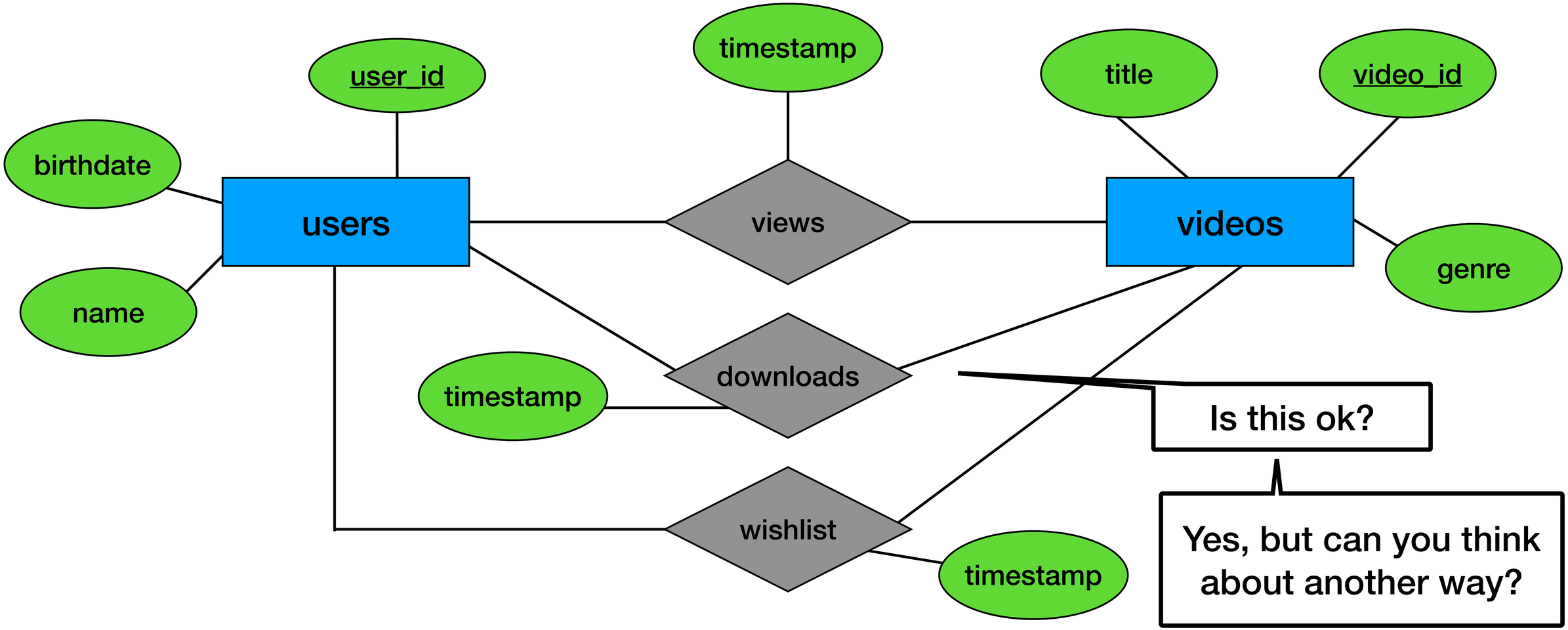

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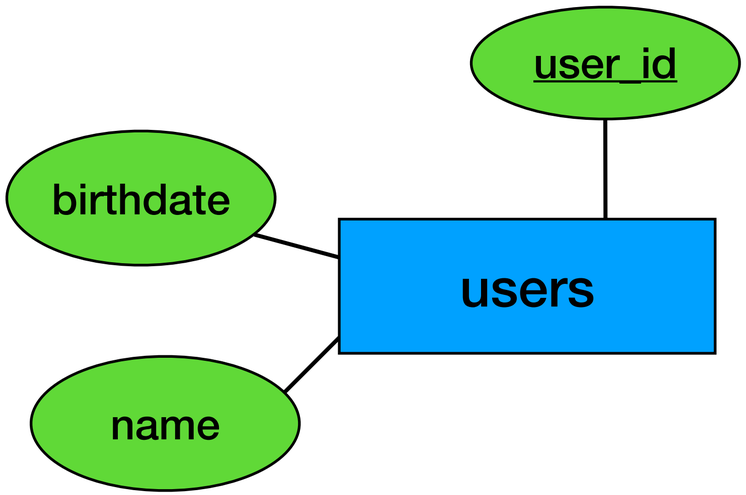

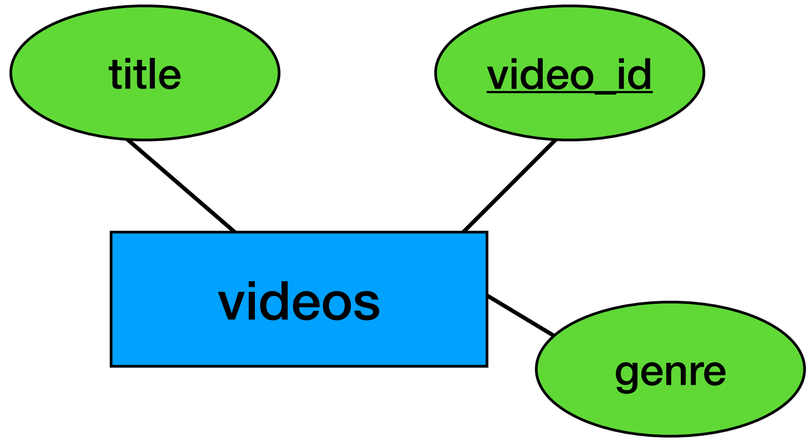

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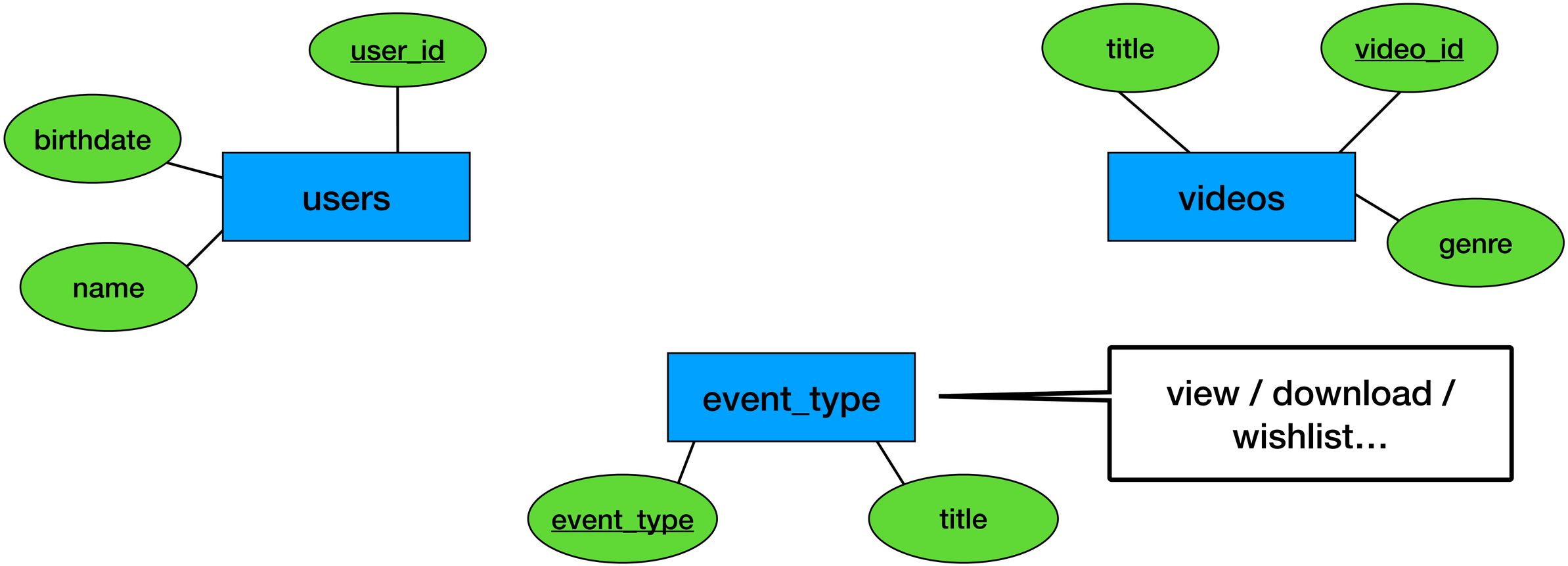

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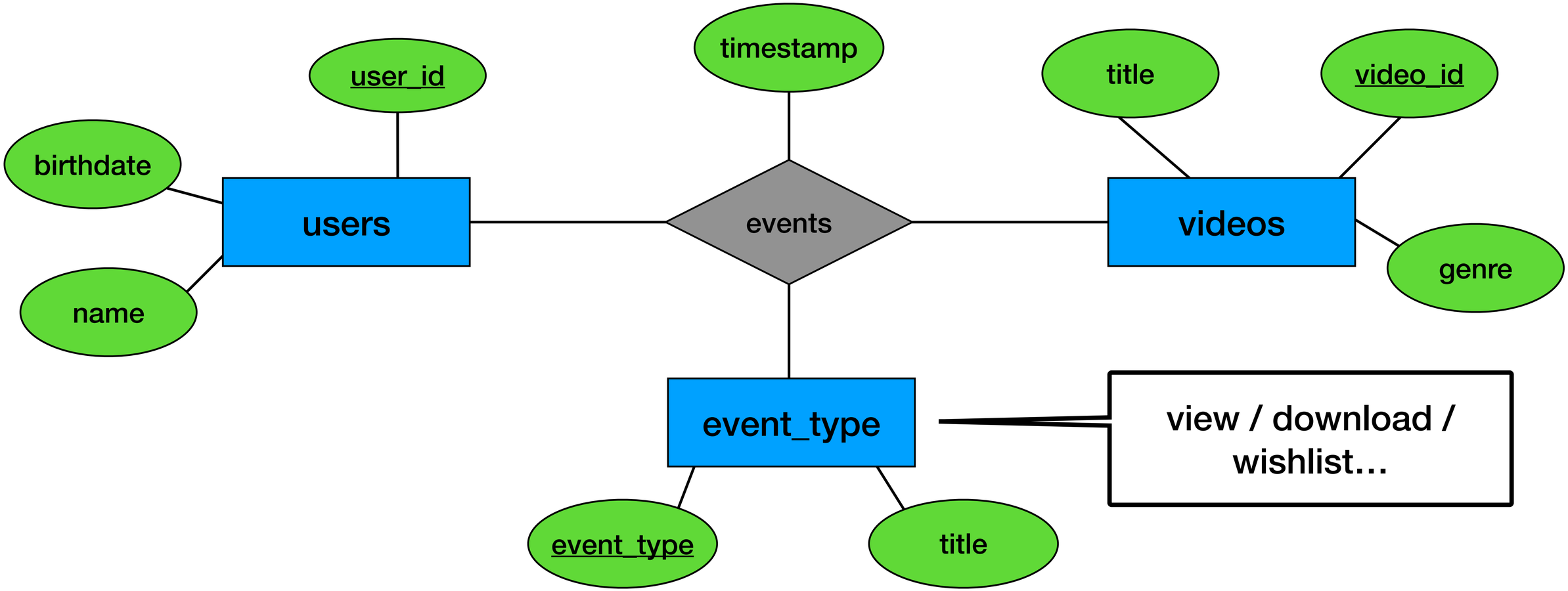

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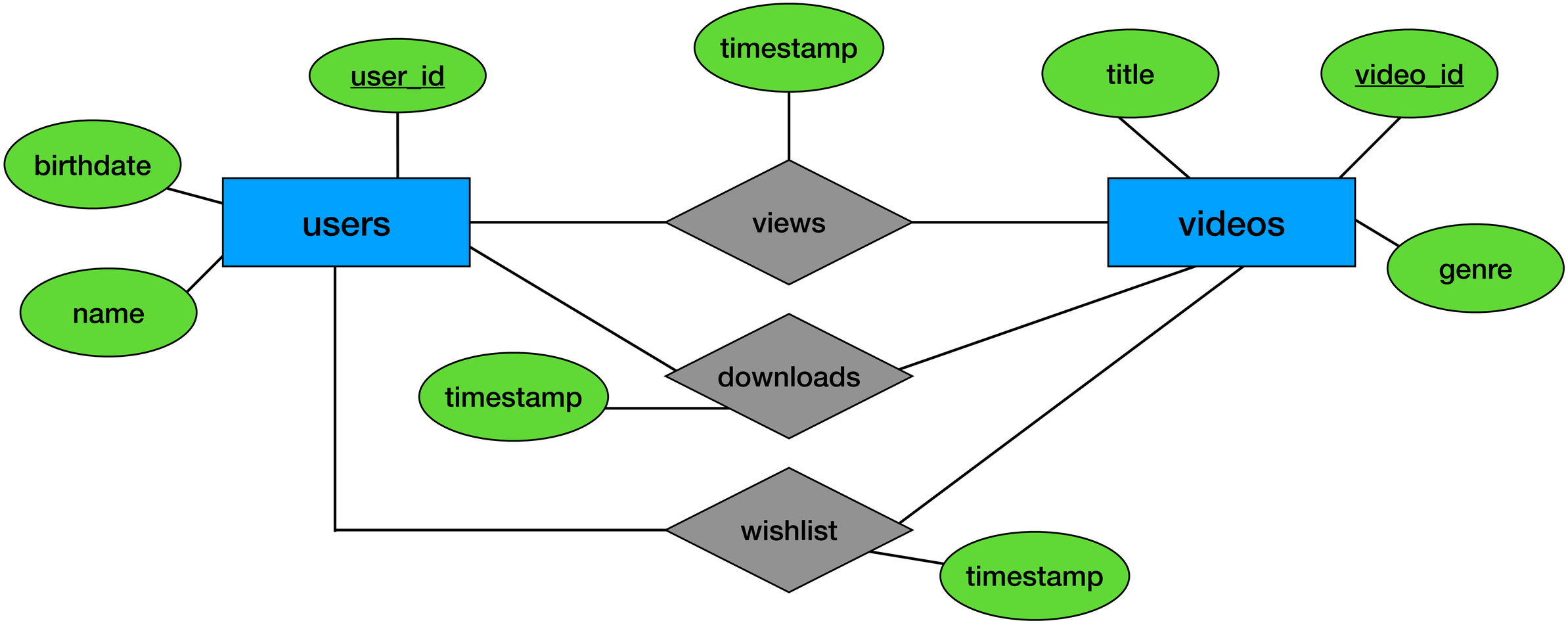

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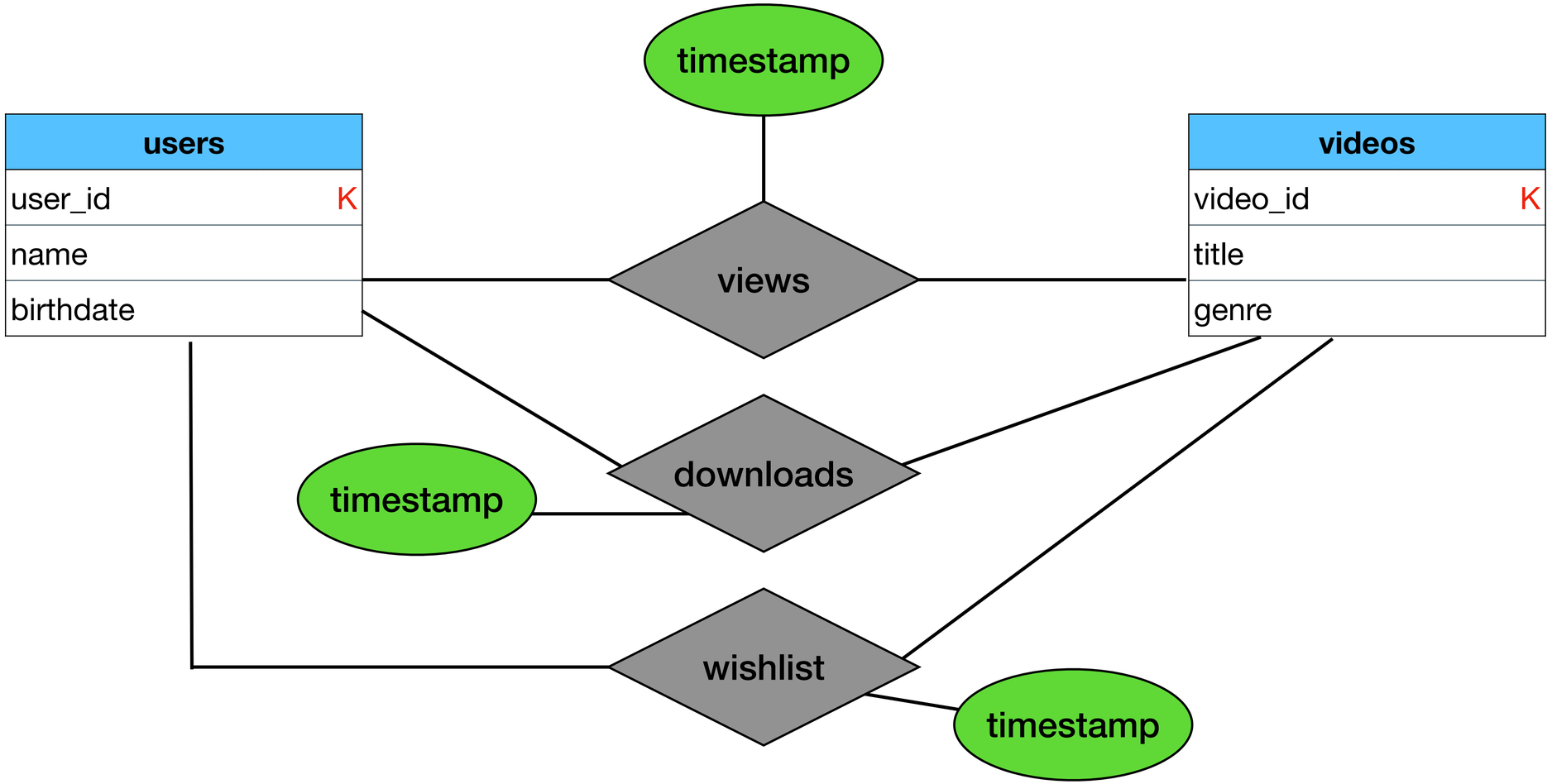

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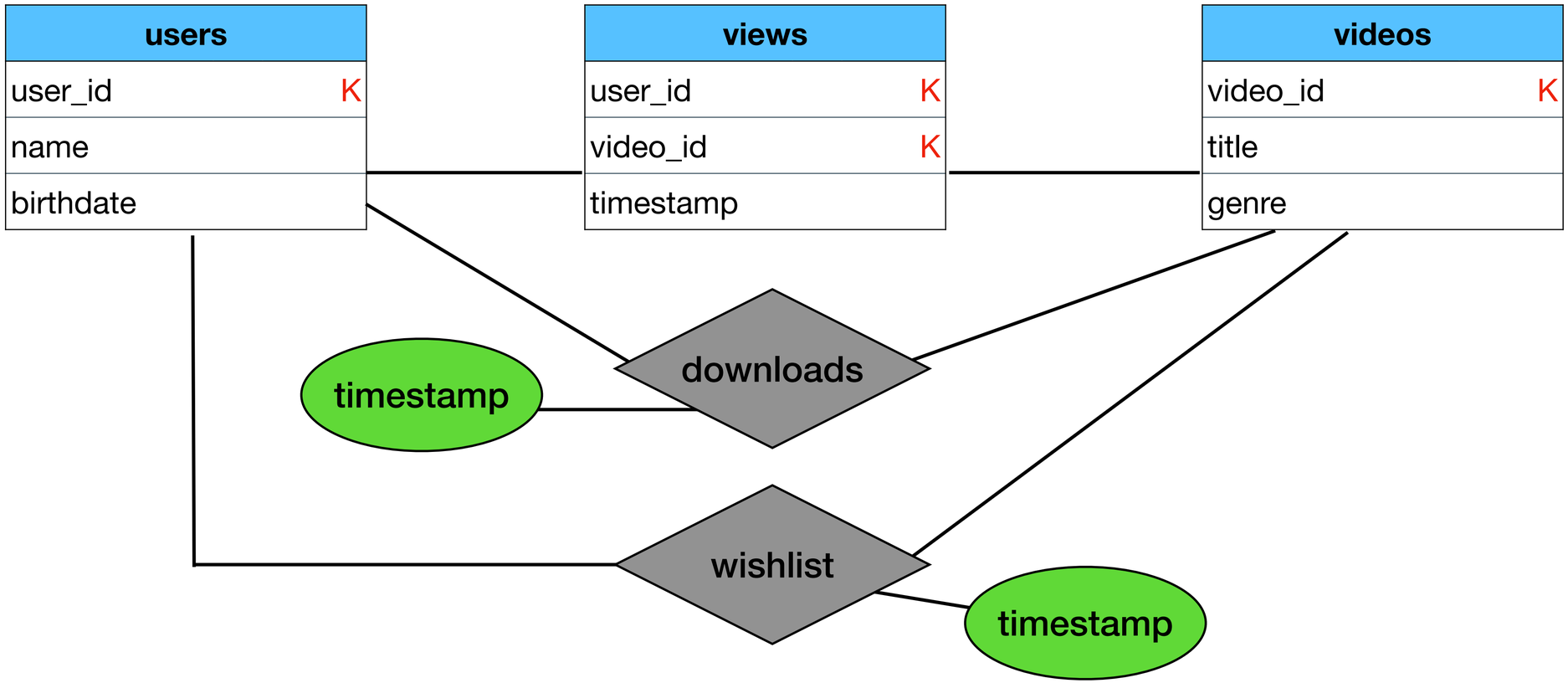

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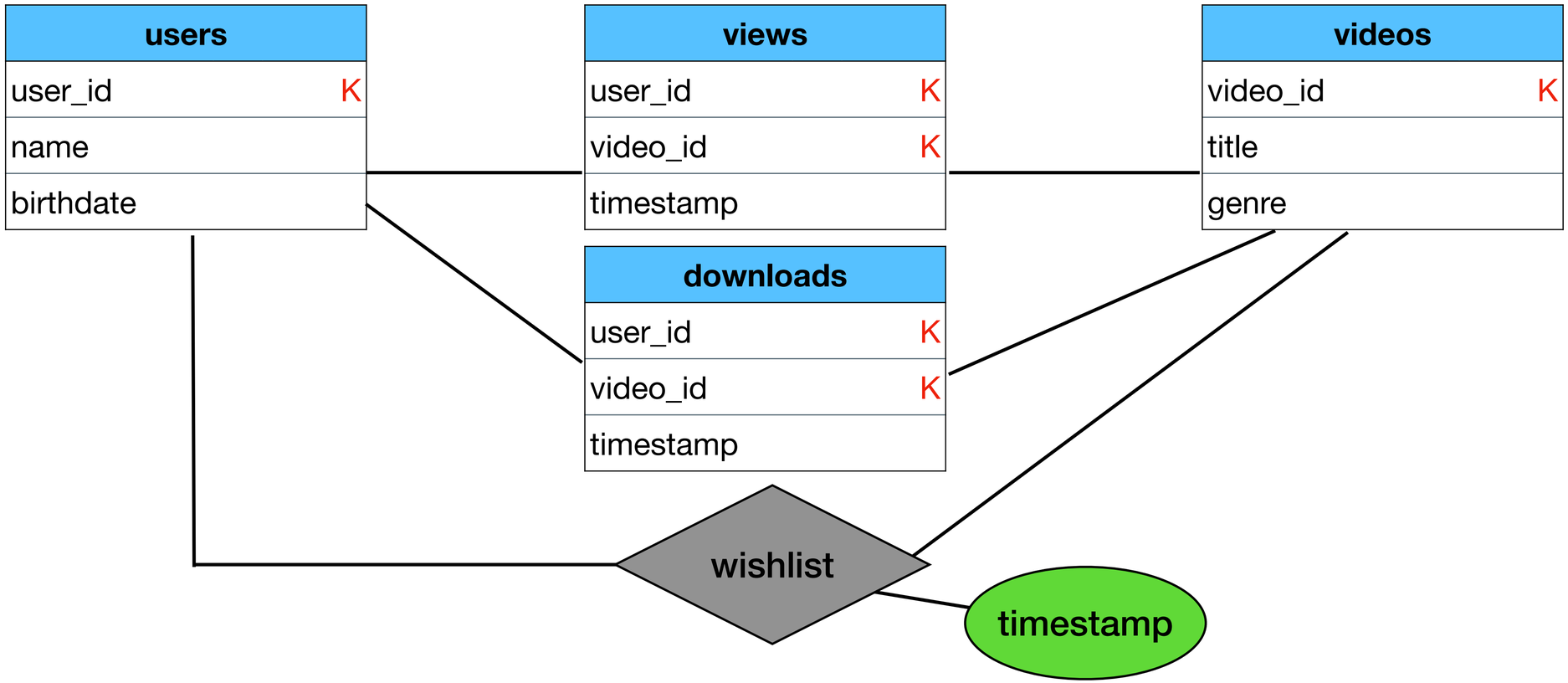

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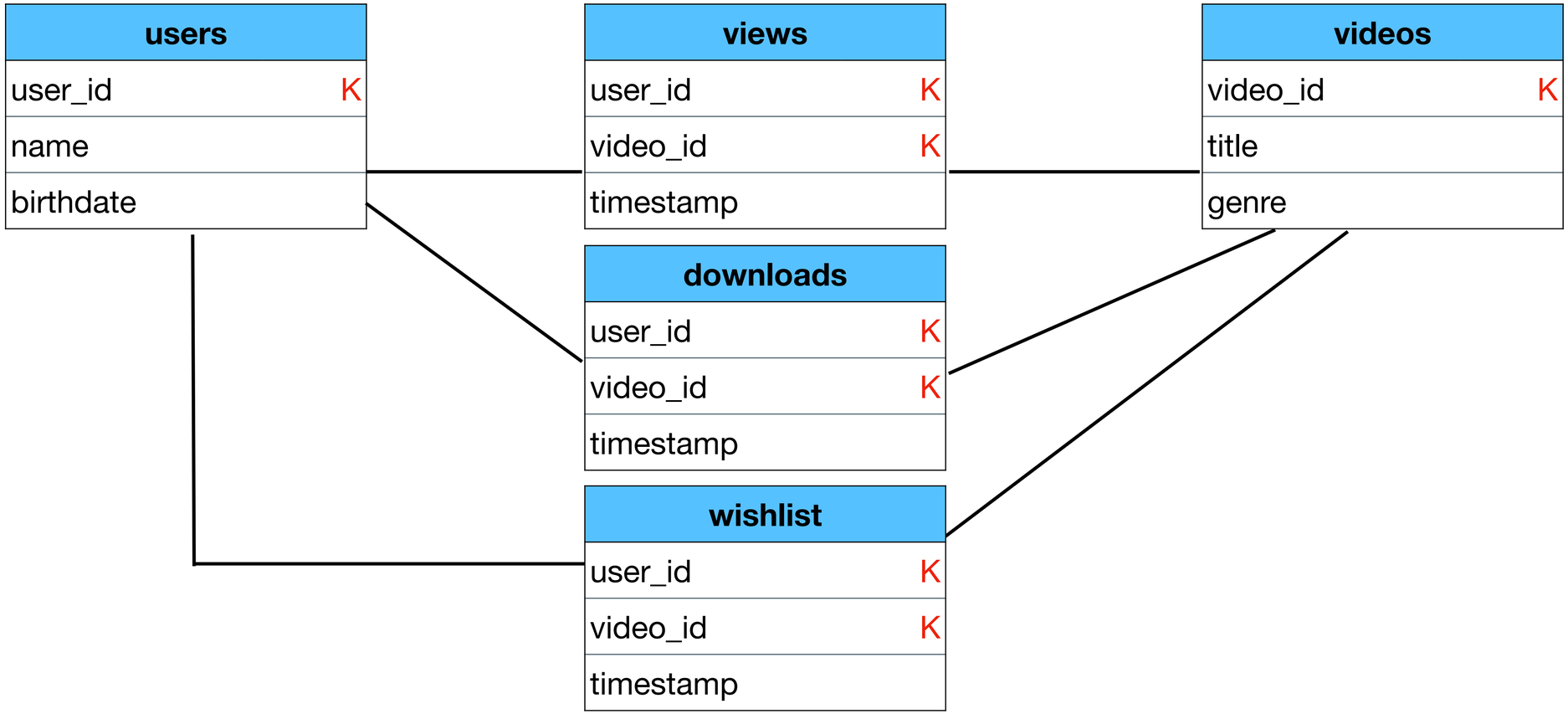

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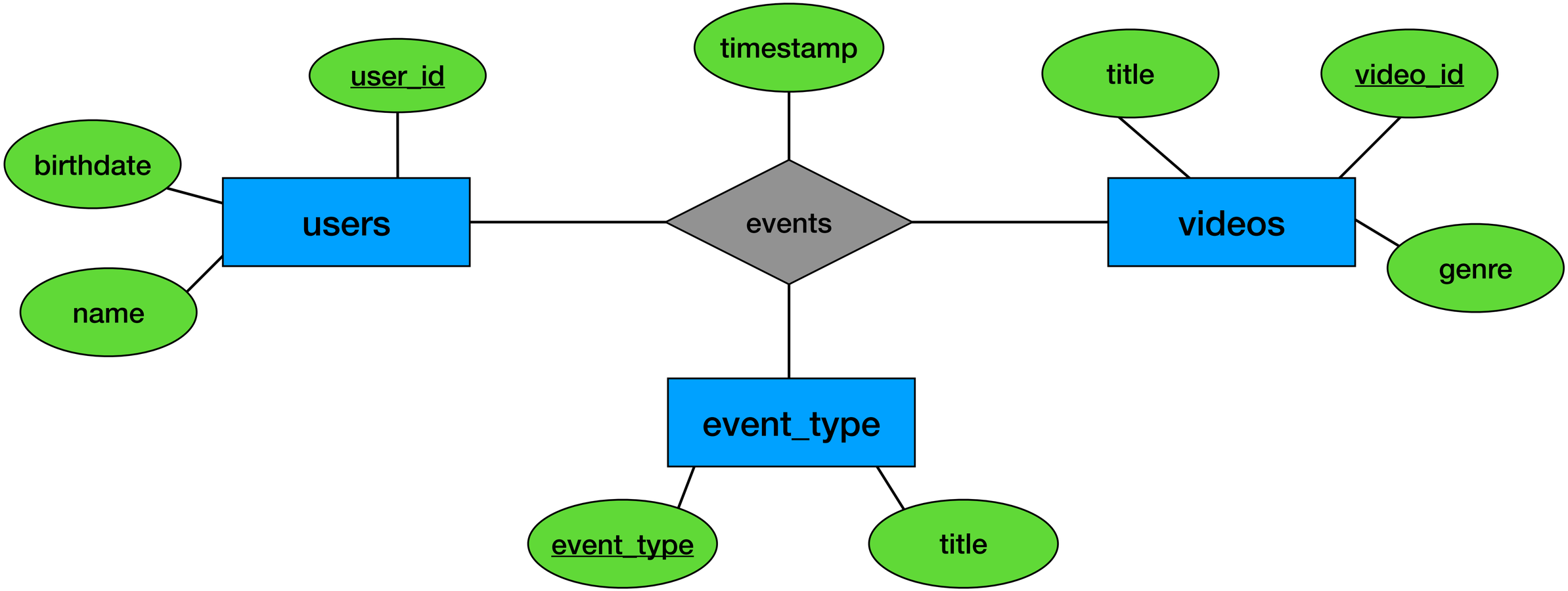

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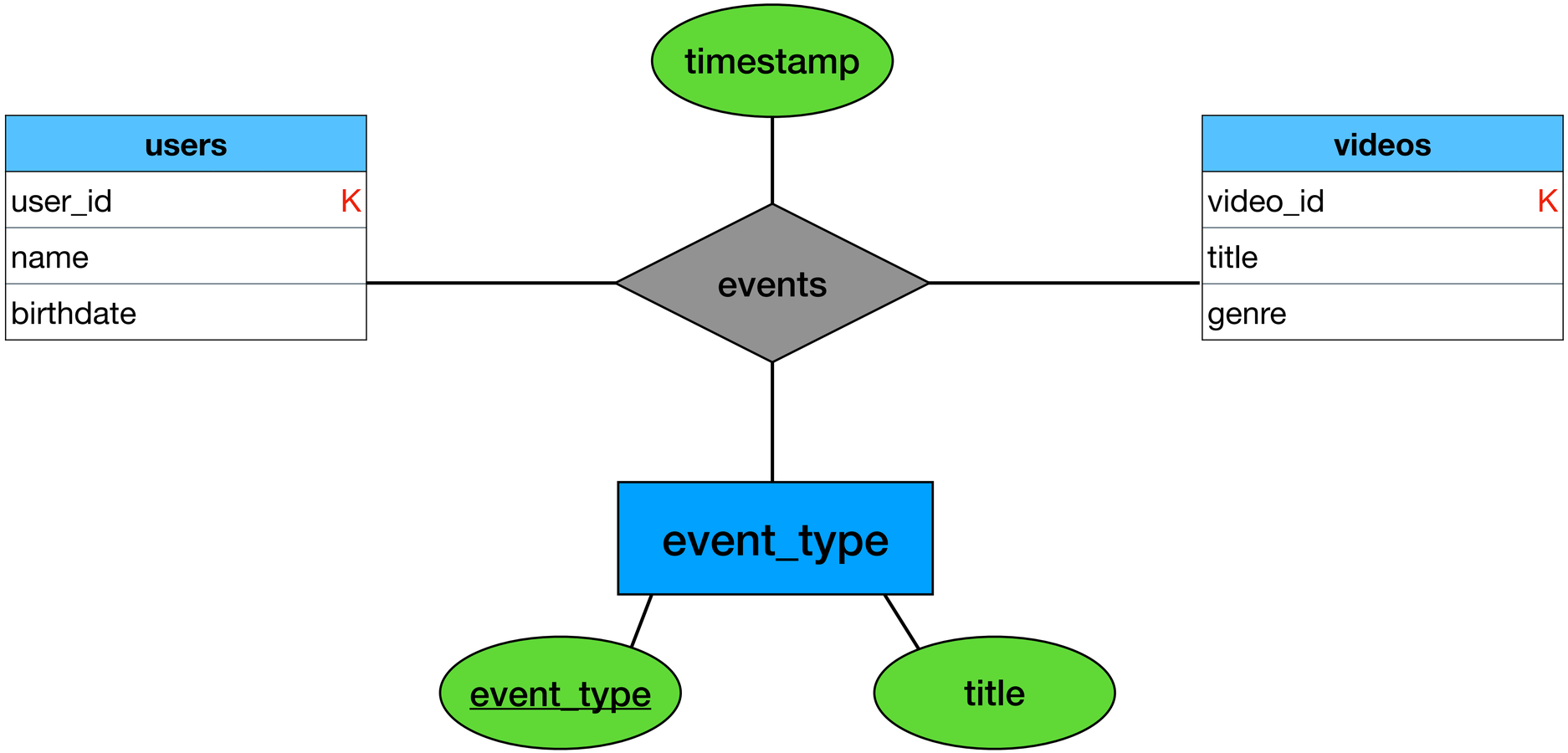

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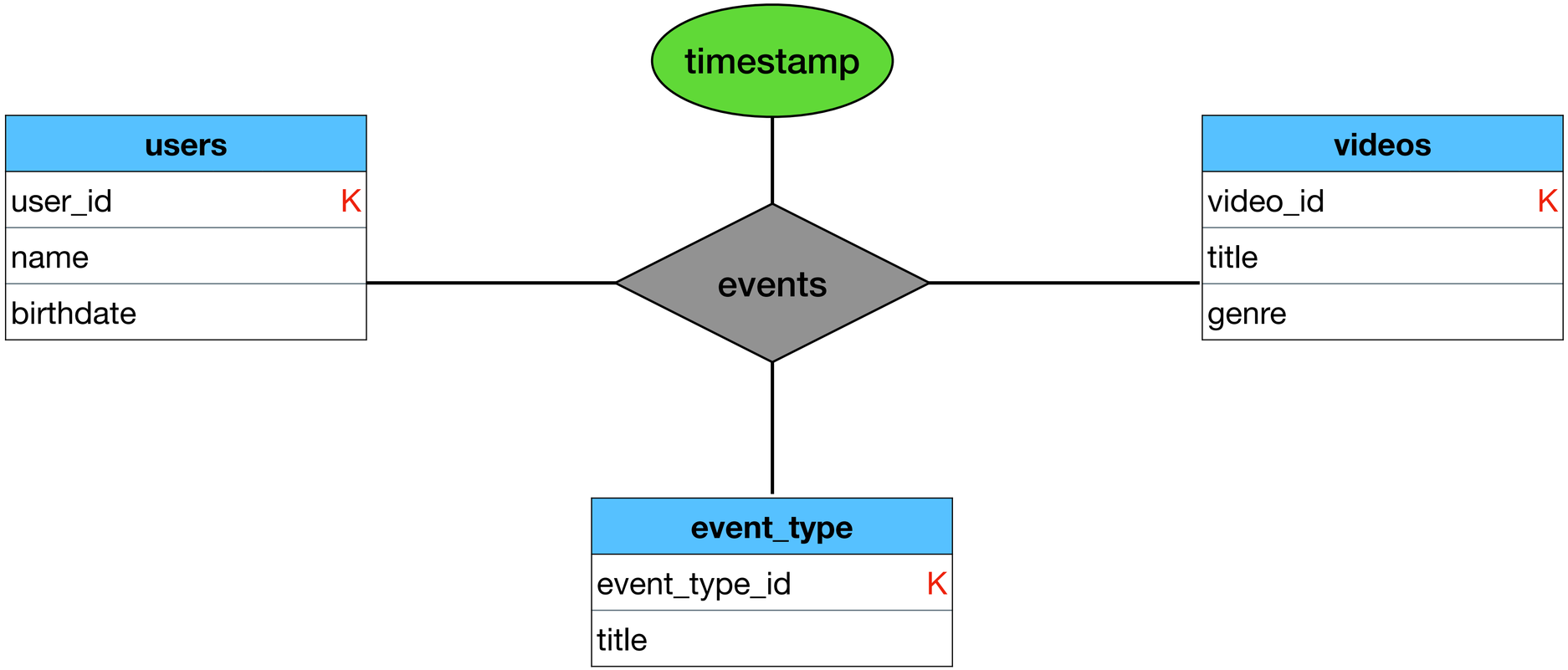

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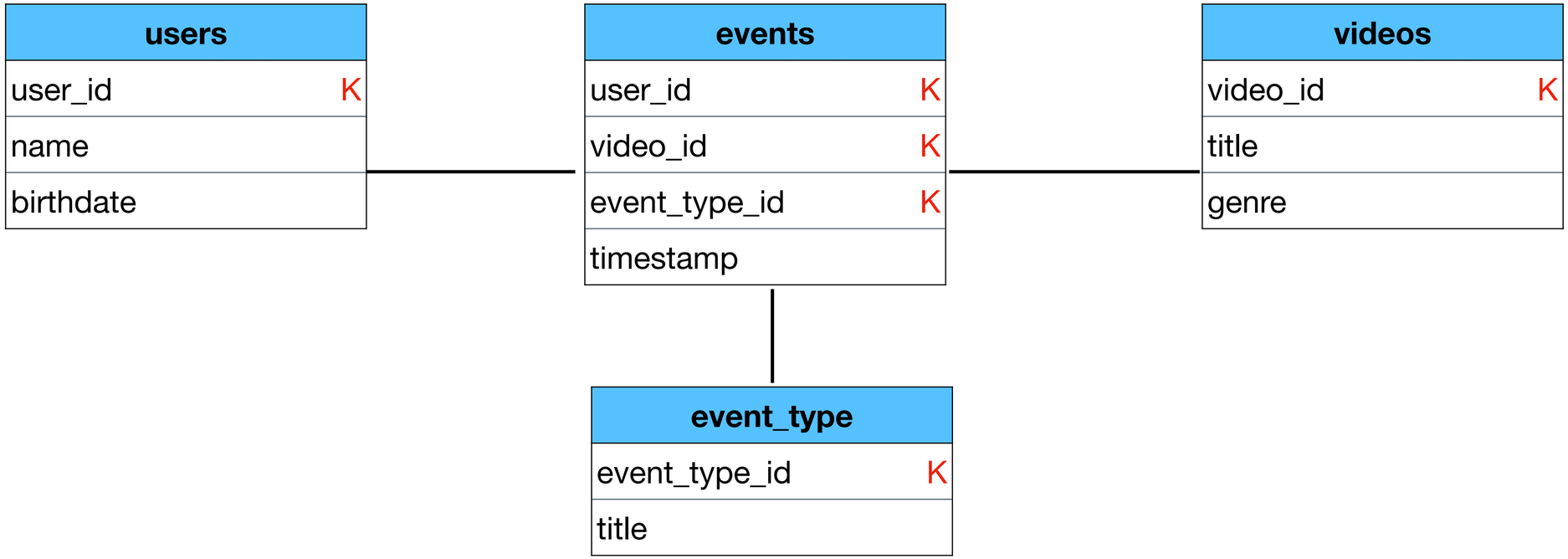

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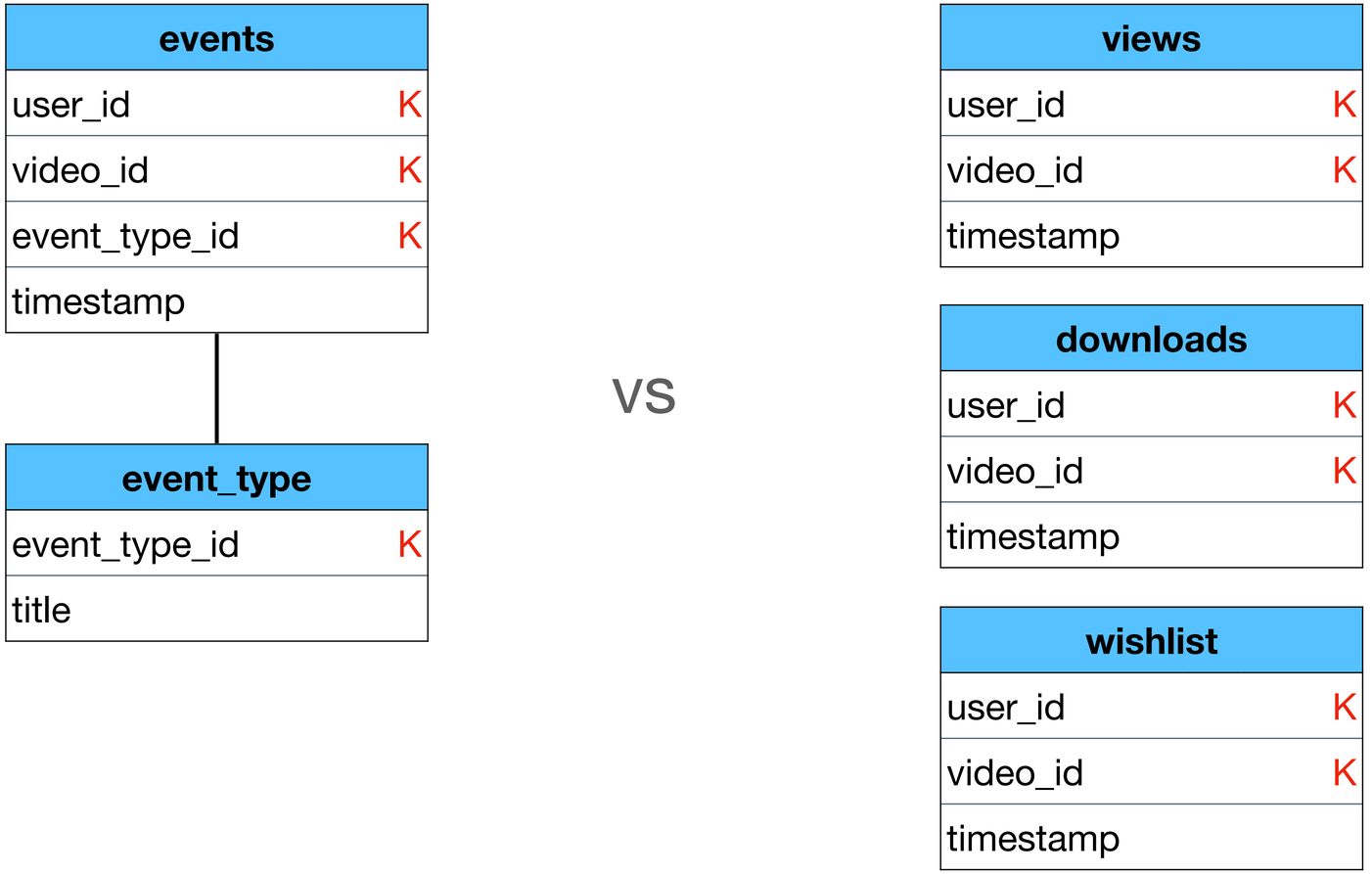

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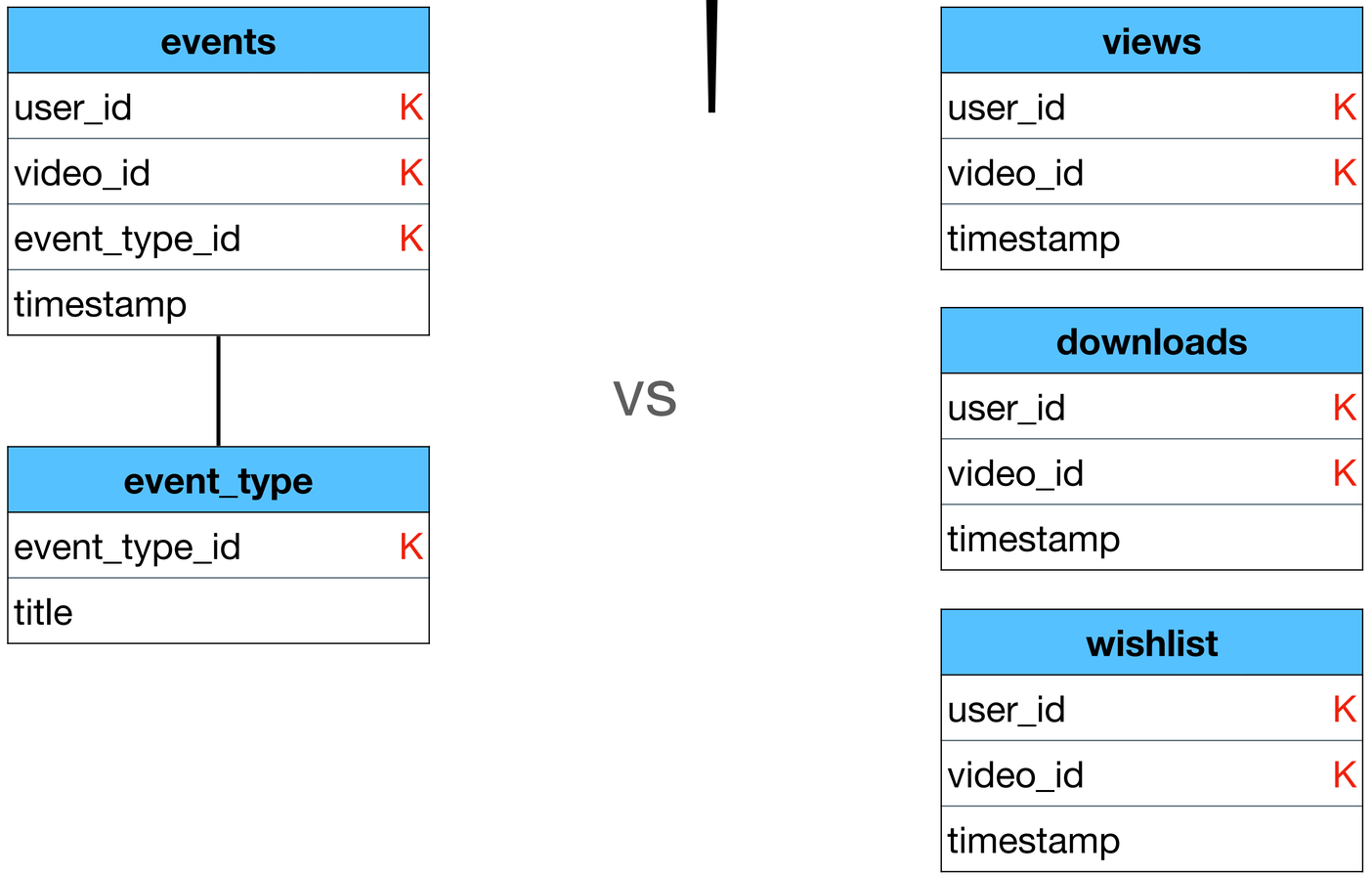

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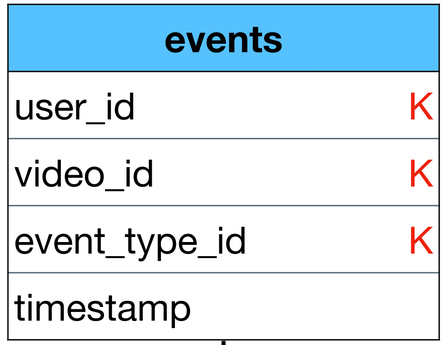

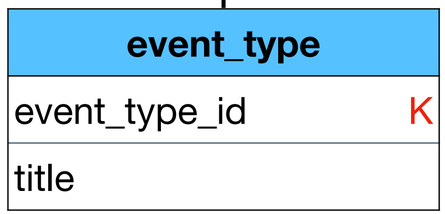

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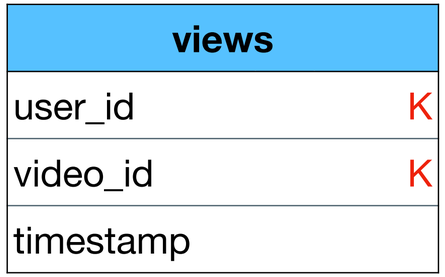

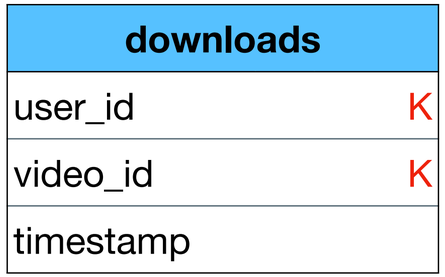

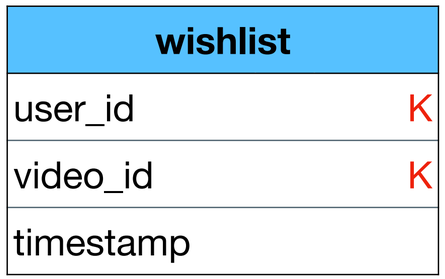

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events	
user_id	K
video_id	K
event_type_id	K
timestamp	

event_type	
event_type_id	K
title	

New types do not require schema changes

This is better. Why?

vs

views	
user_id	K
video_id	K
timestamp	

downloads	
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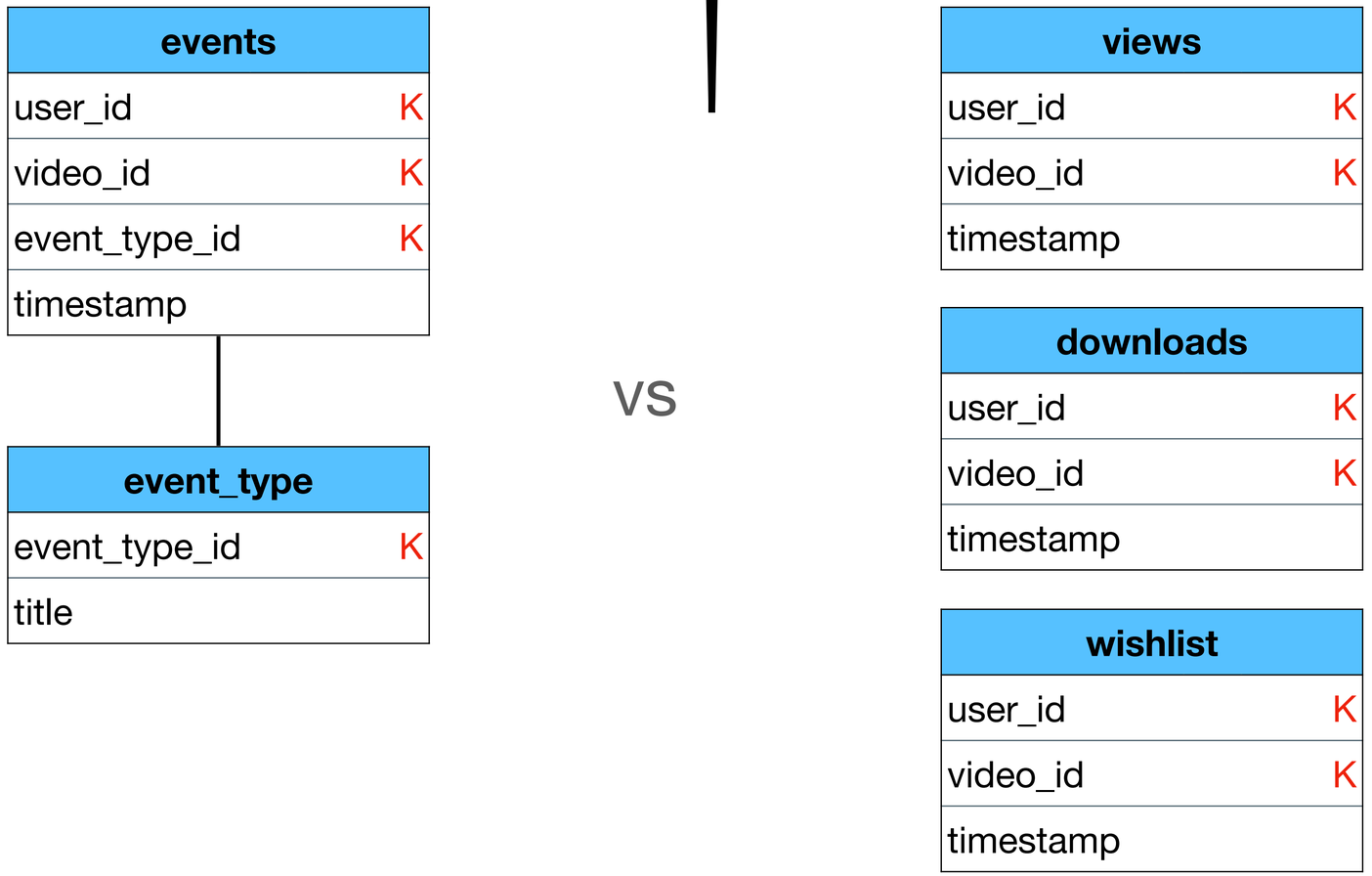

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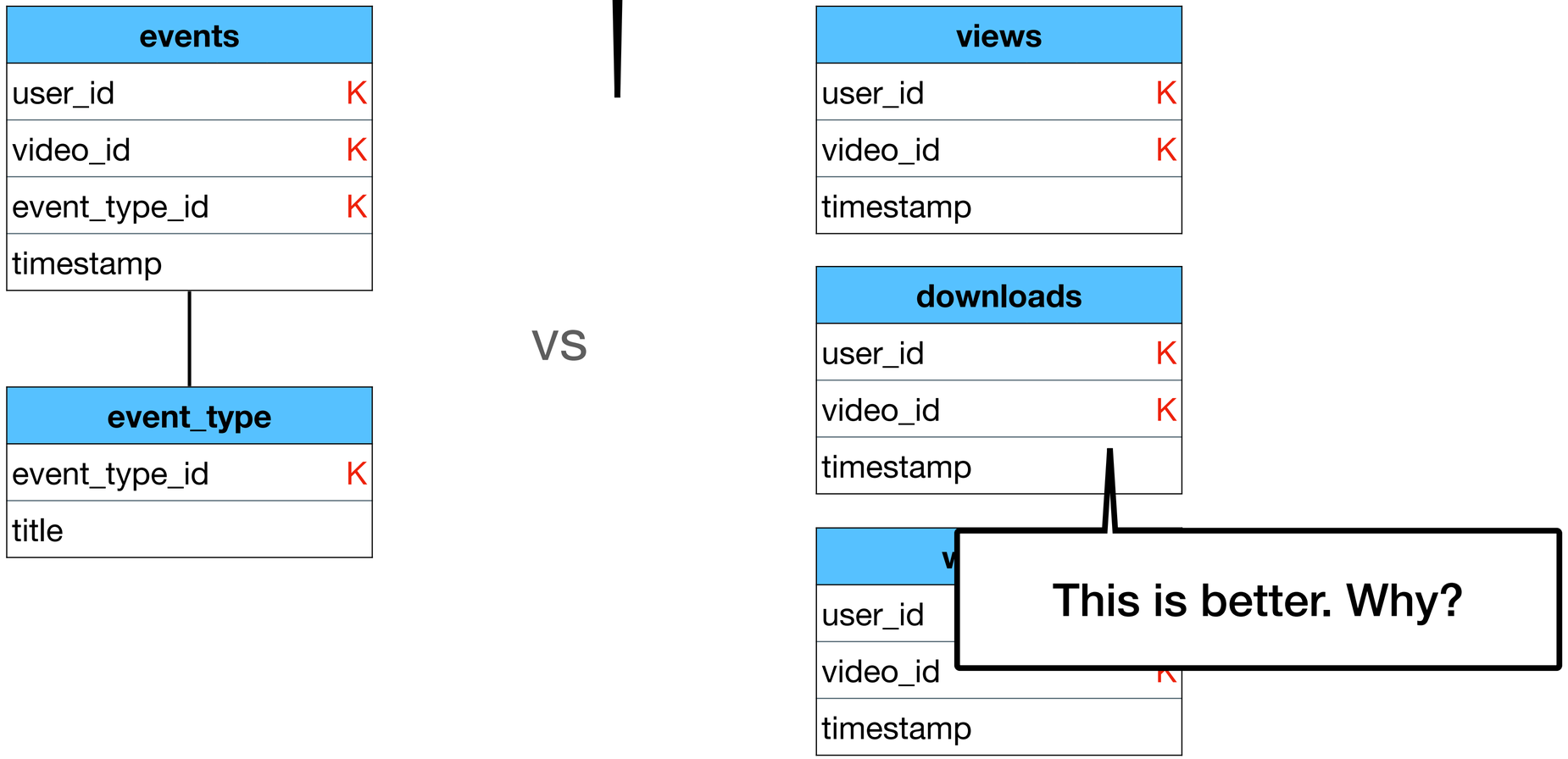

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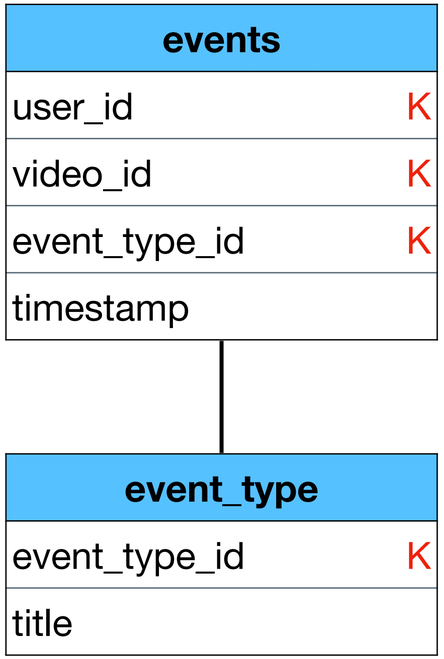

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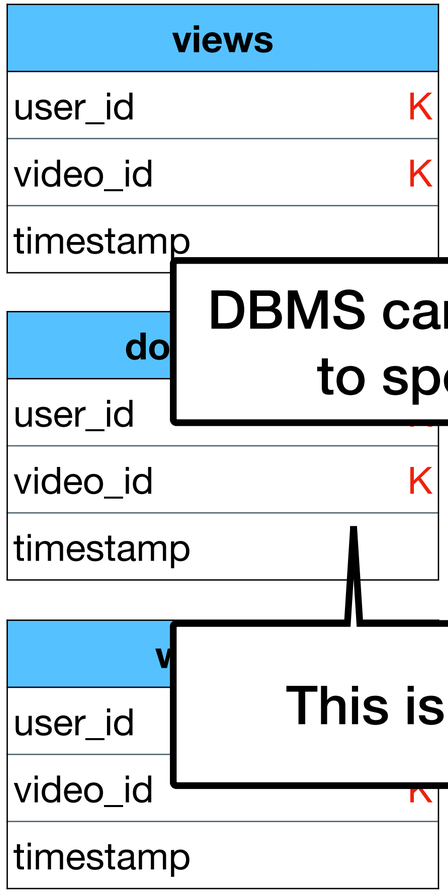

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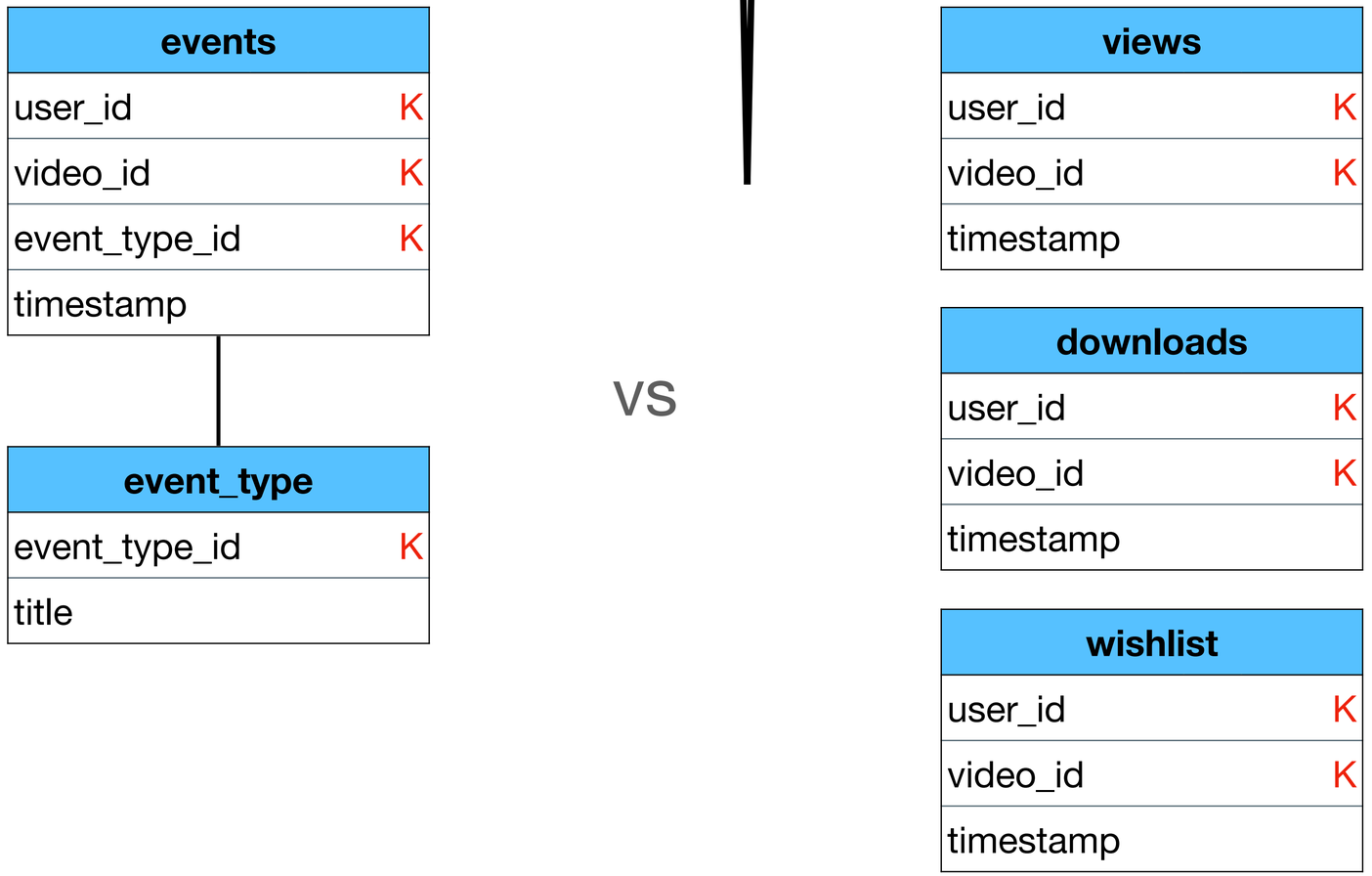

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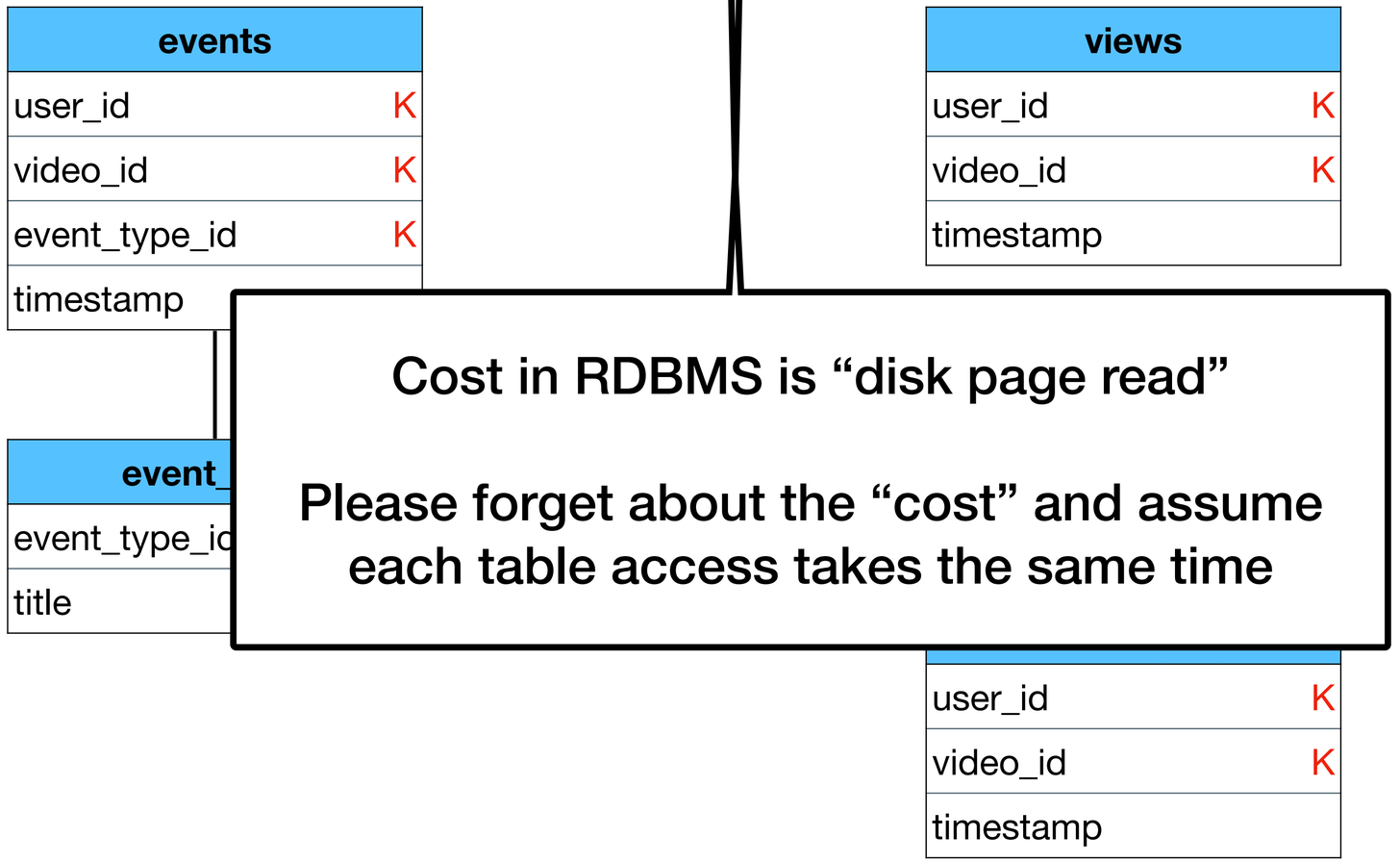

Cost in RDBMS is “disk page read”

Please forget about the “cost” and assume each table access takes the same time

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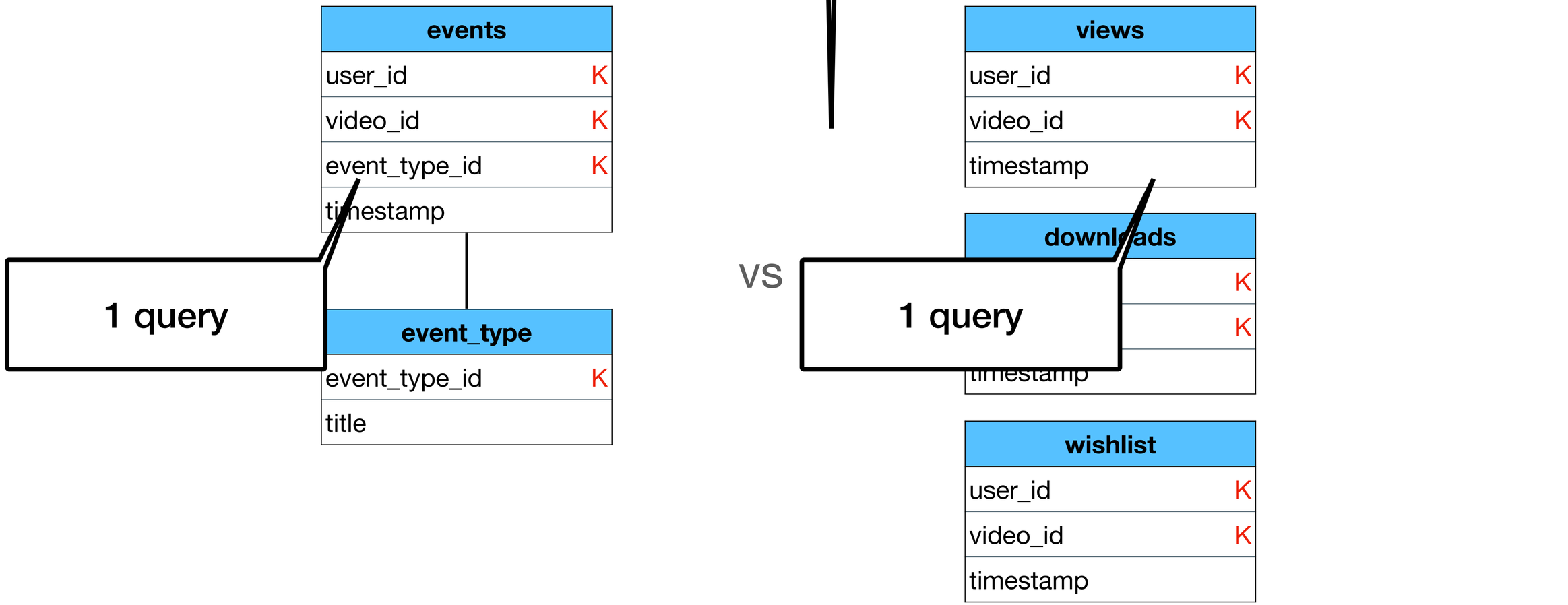

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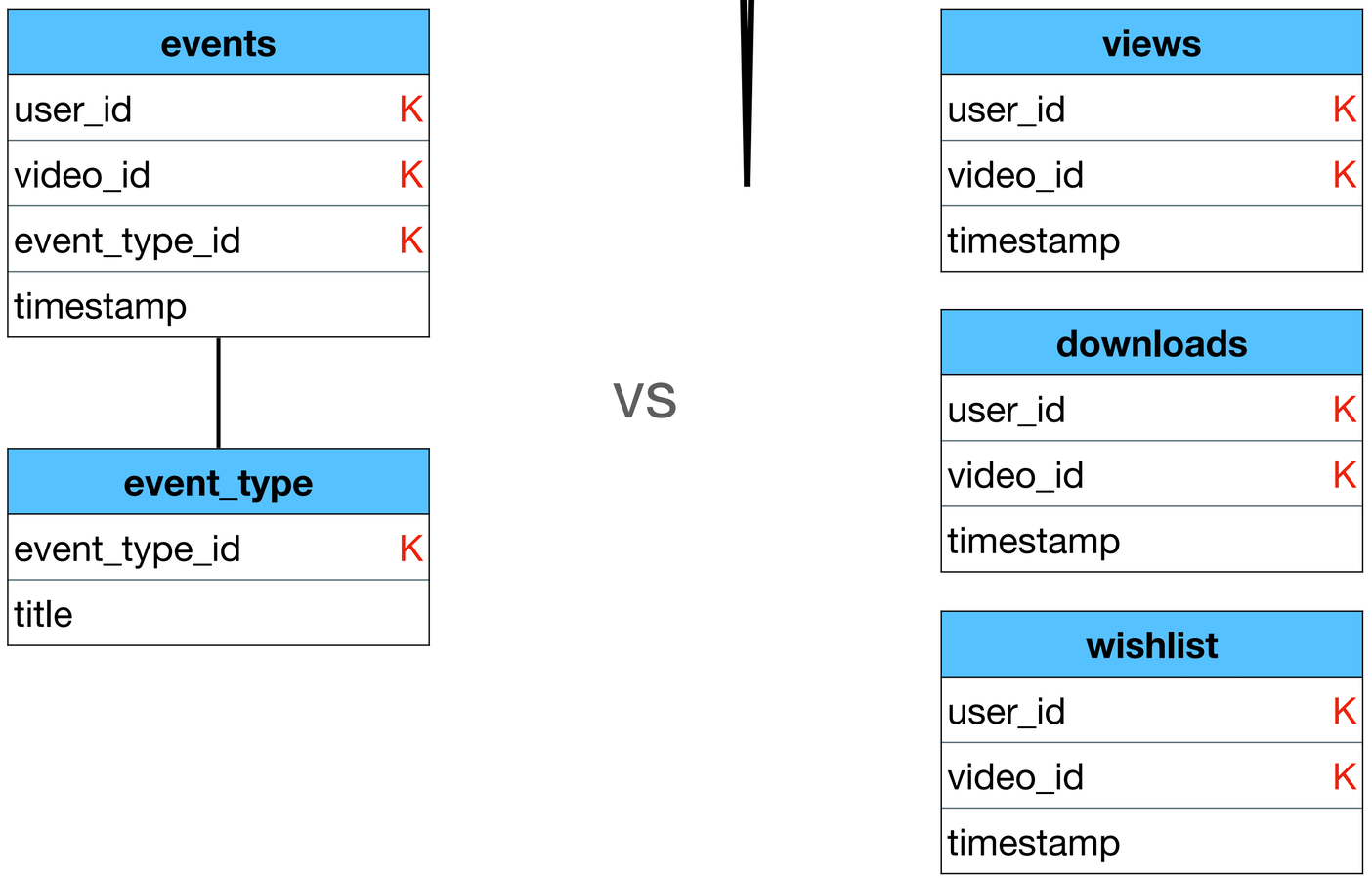

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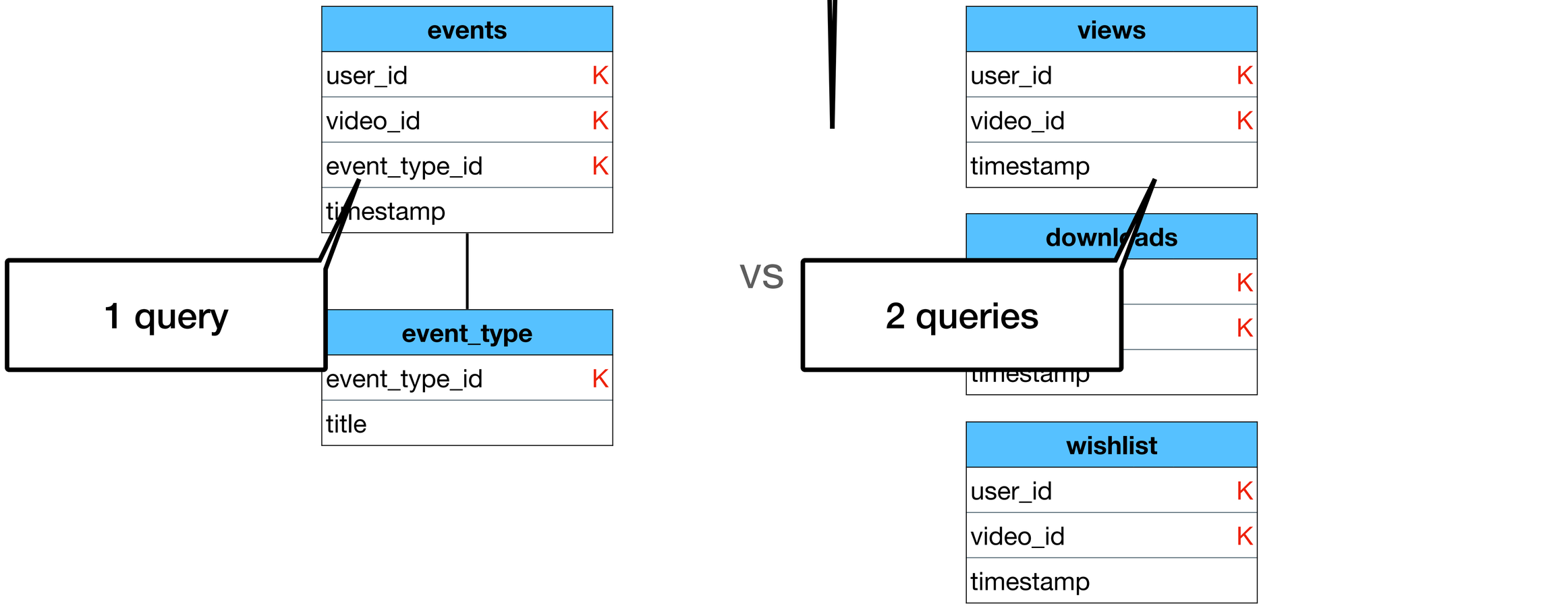

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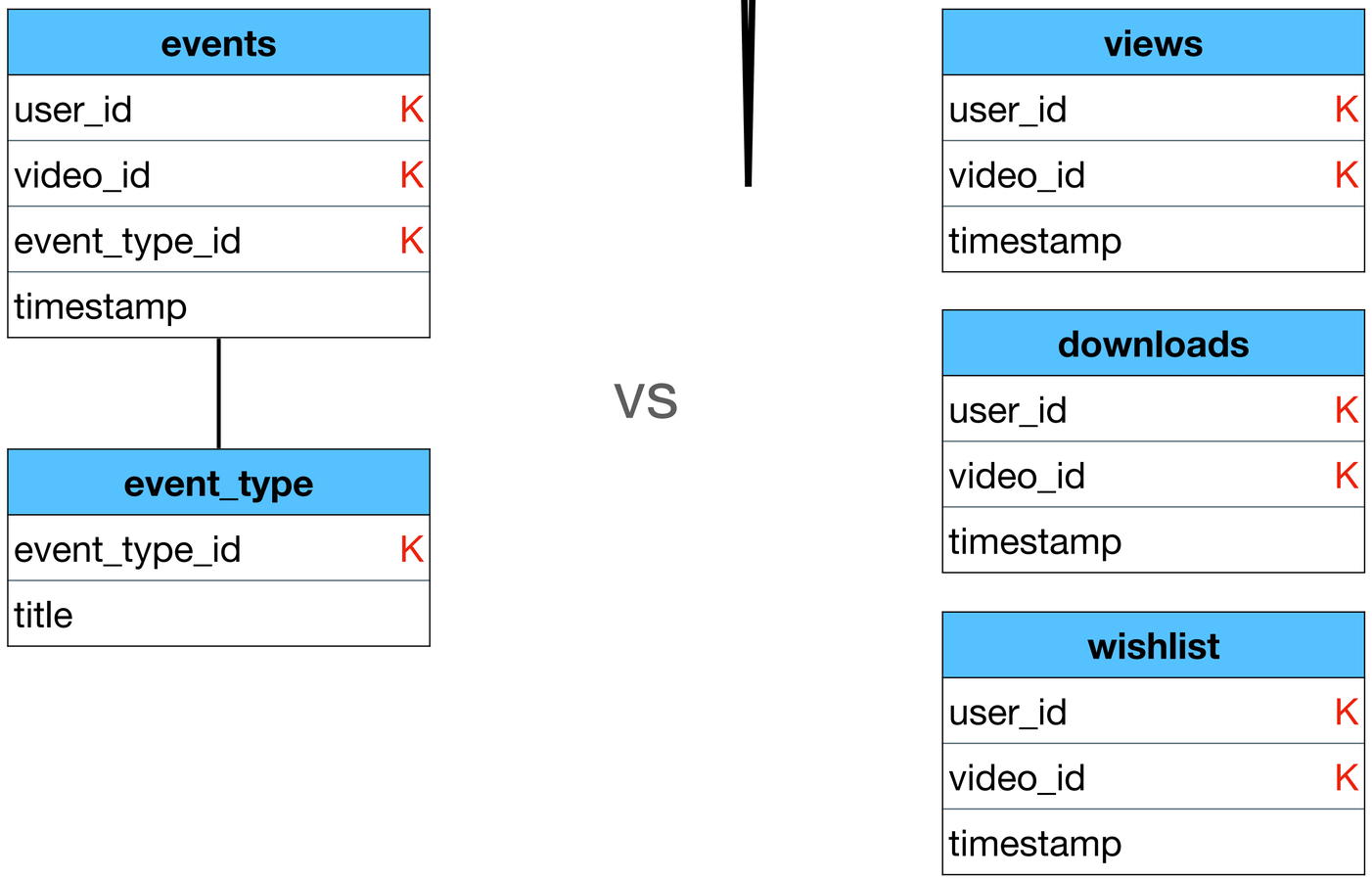

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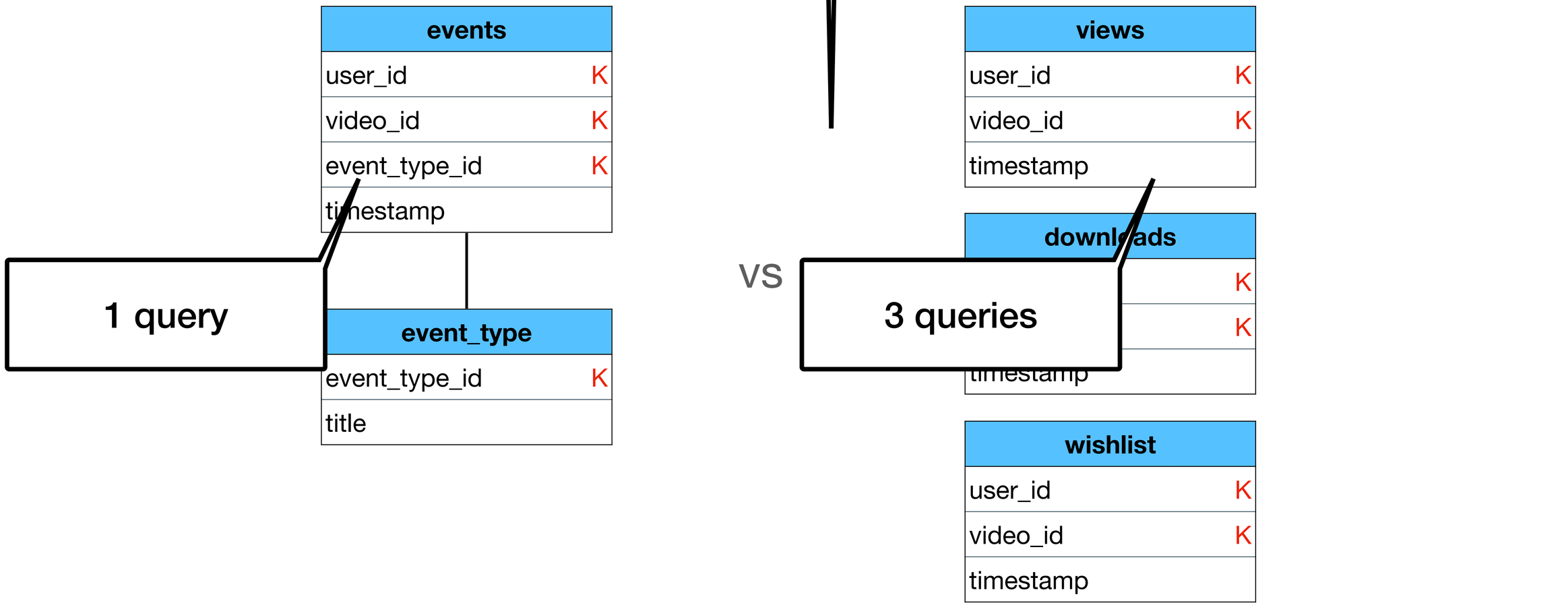

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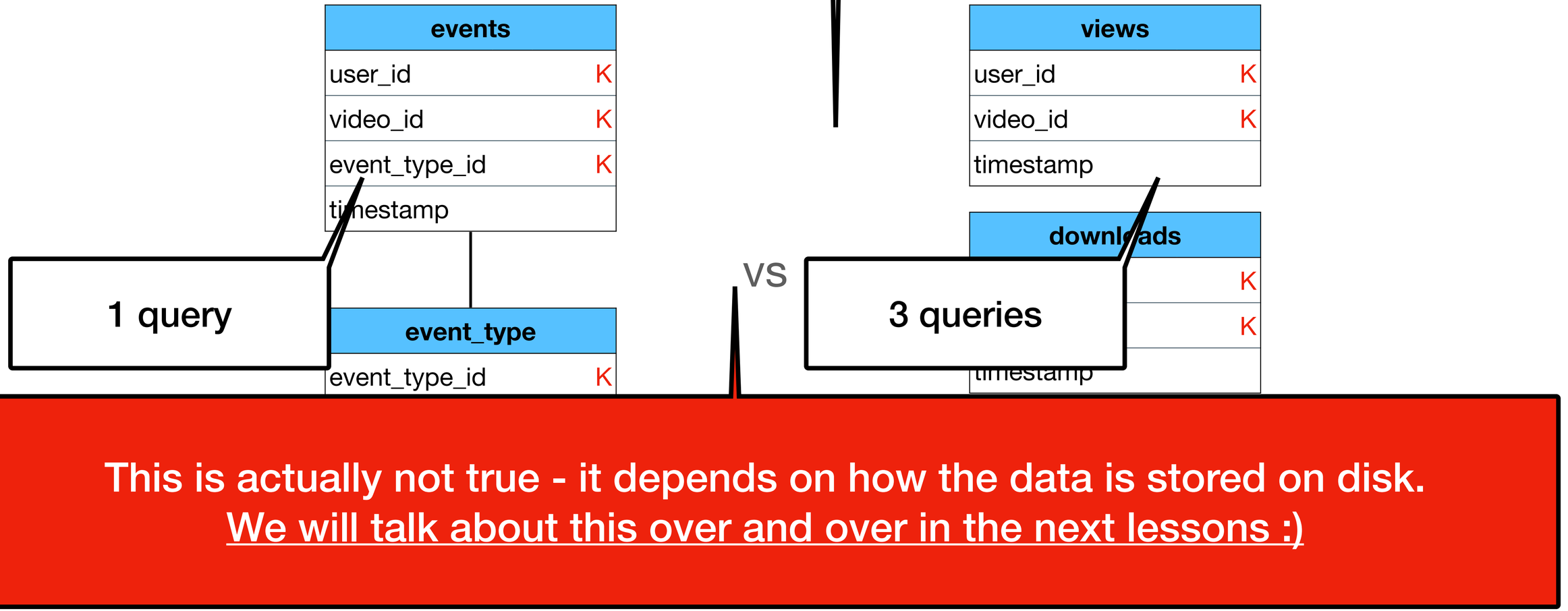

This is actually not true - it depends on how the data is stored on disk.
We will talk about this over and over in the next lessons :)

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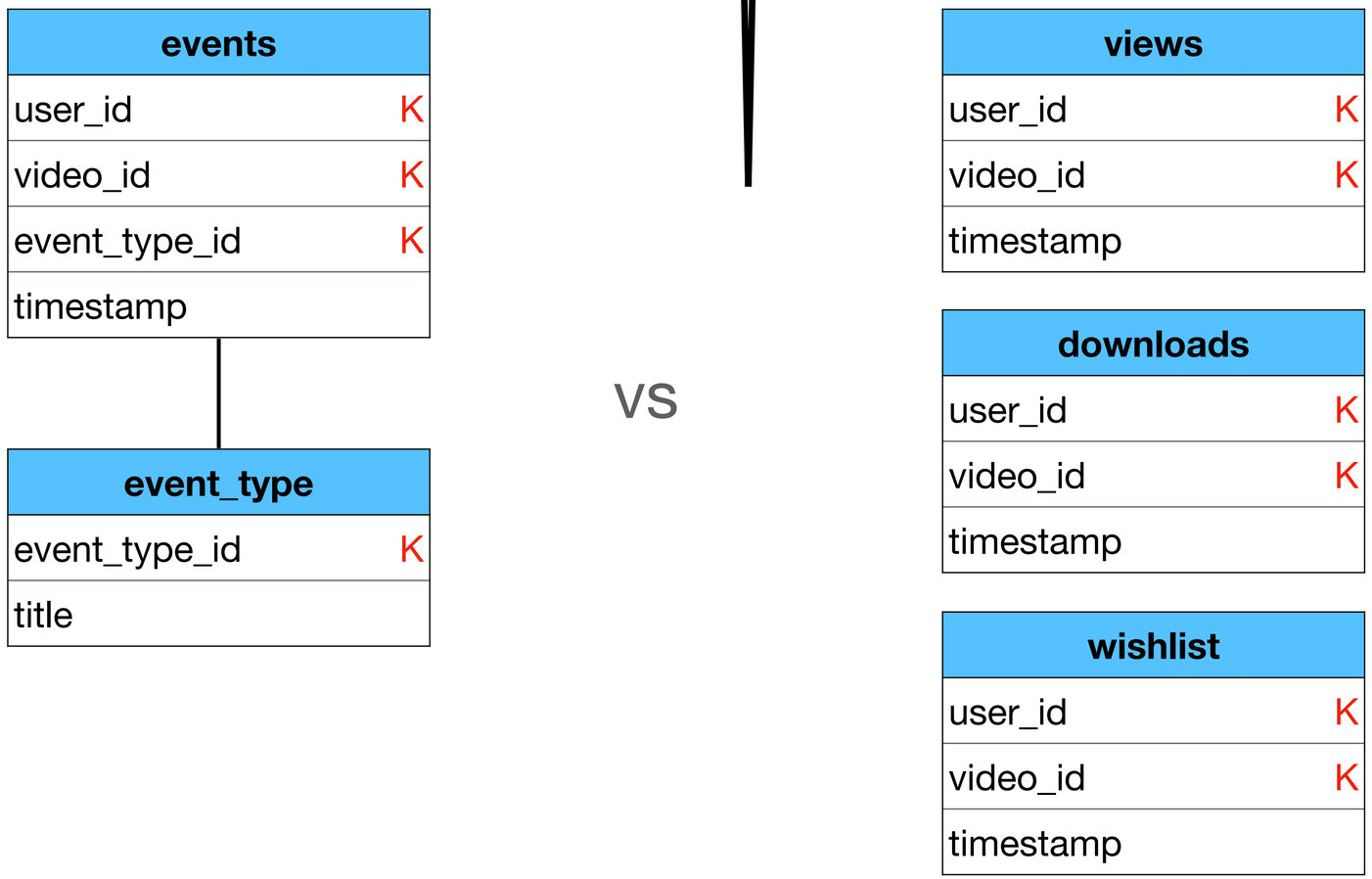

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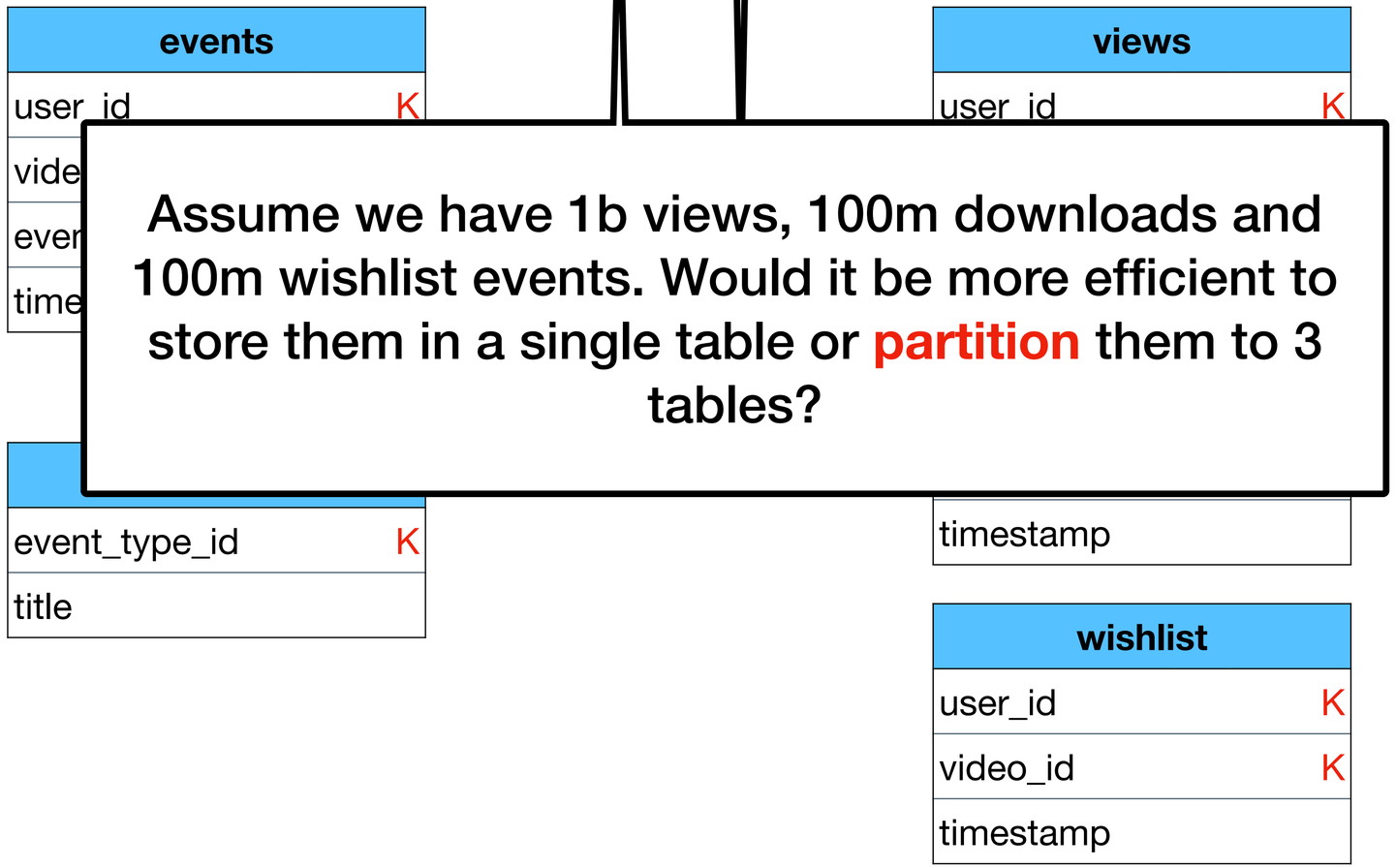

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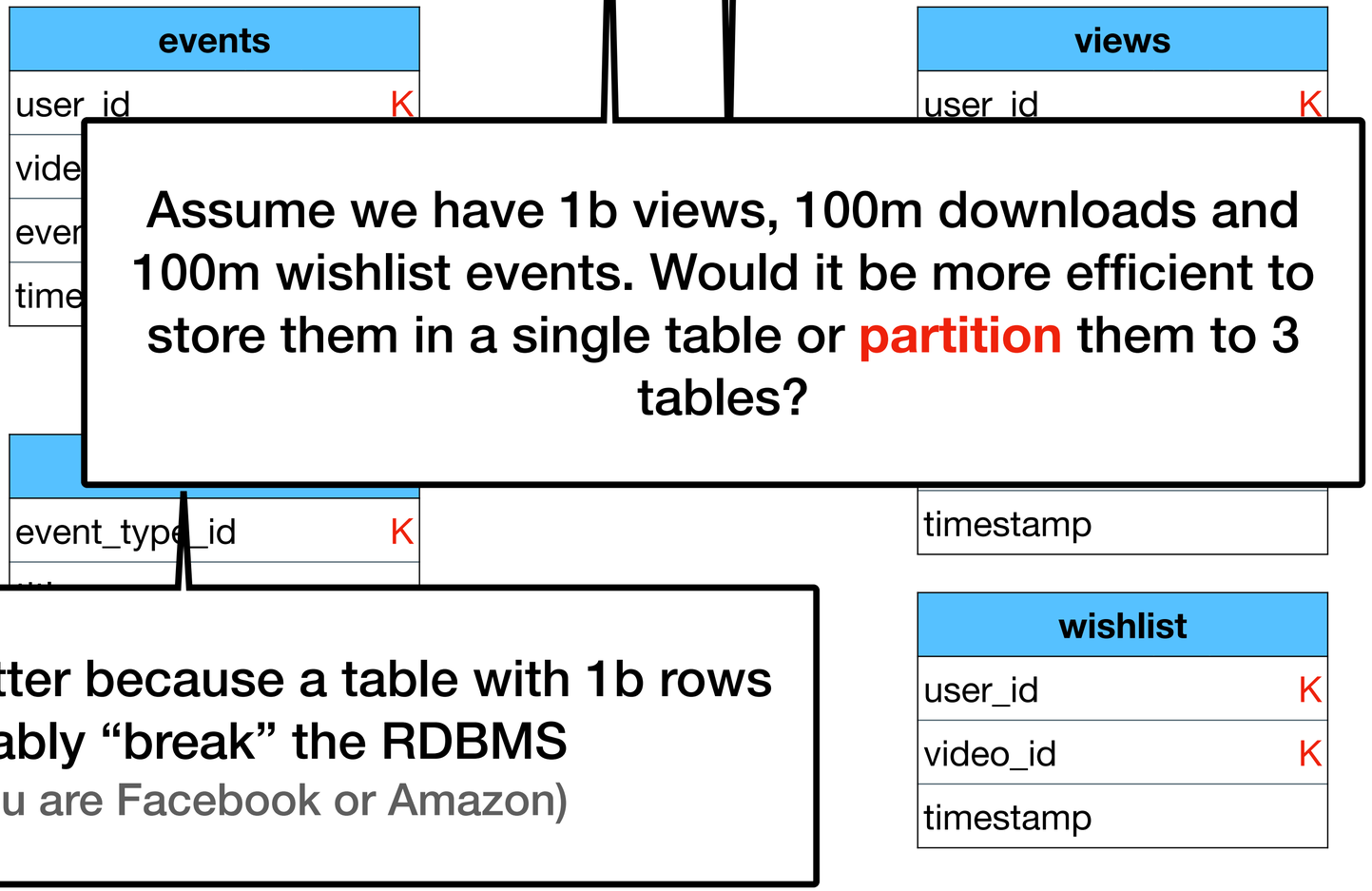

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We will solve this soon :)

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timestamp

wishlist	
user_id	K
video_id	K
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