

## Factless Fact Tables

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These tables have no facts. They are used to represent event tracking and coverage. Those that are used for events, relate different dimensions values at a point in time and space (e.g. encounters, orders). However, when designing such tables we add a dummy fact, which is usually called `table_name_count` that takes the value 1, just to make the SQL queries more clean. These tables can also be used to track coverage (for example have a fact table with one row for every test, location, day combination with a single fact denoting if it was used or not).

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