This table contains the abbreviated names and full names of people, both in unsplit and split forms. People can be parsed out of:

- the "AU"/"AF" ISI fields as Authors.
- References as Authors.
- the "ED" ISI field as Editors.

This table contains the following fields:

- **PK**: Automatically generated. Guarantees uniqueness.
- **ADDITIONAL_NAME**: Also known as "middle name." Is only parsed out of the "AF" field.
- **FAMILY_NAME**: Also known as "last name." Hypothetically, could be parsed of the "AF" field, but is only parsed and used out of the "AU" and "ED" fields.
- **FIRST_INITIAL**: Can be parsed out of the "AU" and "ED" fields.
- **FULL_NAME**: The exact (unsplit/unparsed) string as found in the "AF" field.
- **MIDDLE_INITIAL**: Can be parsed out of the "AU" and "ED" fields.
- **PERSONAL_NAME**: Also known as "first name." Is only parsed out of the "AF" field.
- **UNSPLIT_NAME**: Not totally the exact (unsplit/unparsed) string as found in the "AU"/"ED" fields. The values in this field will always contain the same information as the strings found in the original ISI dataset, but the versions in this field are converted to a canonical form.

People are never merged during loading. Automatic People merging can be done via the Merge Identical ISI People algorithm, and merge suggestions (i.e. a merge table) can be generated via the Suggest ISI People Merges algorithm.

The abbreviated name fields in the PERSON table (**FAMILY_NAME**, **FIRST_INITIAL**, **MIDDLE_INITIAL**, and **UNSPLIT_NAME**) are parsed from the "AU" field. This article describes how the "AU" field is parsed. Note: Even when the "AF" field is supplied, the **FAMILY_NAME** is parsed out of the "AU" field.

The full name fields in the PERSON table (**ADDITIONAL_NAME**, **FULL_NAME**, and **PERSONAL_NAME**) are parsed from the "AF" field. This article describes how the "AF" field is parsed.

Also see **AUTHORS**, **DOCUMENT**, **EDITORS**, **REFERENCE**, **How Abbreviated Names are Parsed**, and **How Full Names are Parsed** for additional information.