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Laboratory Activity 6:

Laboratory Title: Normalization - Second Normal Form (2NF)
Chapter No. and Topic: Chapter 3 - Database Design and Modeling
Discussions:
This activity will cover the process of converting a table to the Second Normal Form (2NF).

Activity Description:
Given a 1NF table, remove partial dependencies to achieve 2NF.

Objectives:

- Remove partial dependencies and achieve 2NF.

Materials:

- SQL client

Procedure:

1. Create a 1NF table:

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CREATE TABLE Books_1NF (

  BookID INT,

  Title VARCHAR(100),

  Author VARCHAR(100),

  Genre VARCHAR(50),

  Publisher VARCHAR(100),

  PublisherAddress VARCHAR(100)

);
```

1. Insert sample data:

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sql

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     INSERT INTO Books_1NF (BookID, Title, Author, Genre, Publisher,
     PublisherAddress)

     VALUES

     (1, 'Book A', 'Author1', 'Fiction', 'Publisher1', 'Address1'),

     (2, 'Book B', 'Author2', 'Non-Fiction', 'Publisher1',
     'Address1');
```

1. Create two separate tables to remove partial dependency:

```
sql

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CREATE TABLE Books_2NF (

  BookID INT PRIMARY KEY,

  Title VARCHAR(100),

  Author VARCHAR(100),

  Genre VARCHAR(50)

);

CREATE TABLE Publishers (

  PublisherID INT PRIMARY KEY,

  PublisherName VARCHAR(100),

  PublisherAddress VARCHAR(100)

);
```

1. Move Publisher data into the `Publishers` table and adjust `Books_2NF` to include `PublisherID` as a foreign key.

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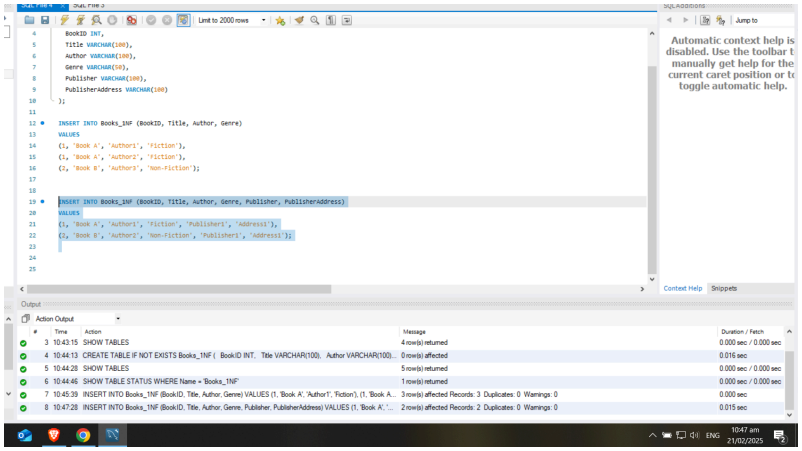
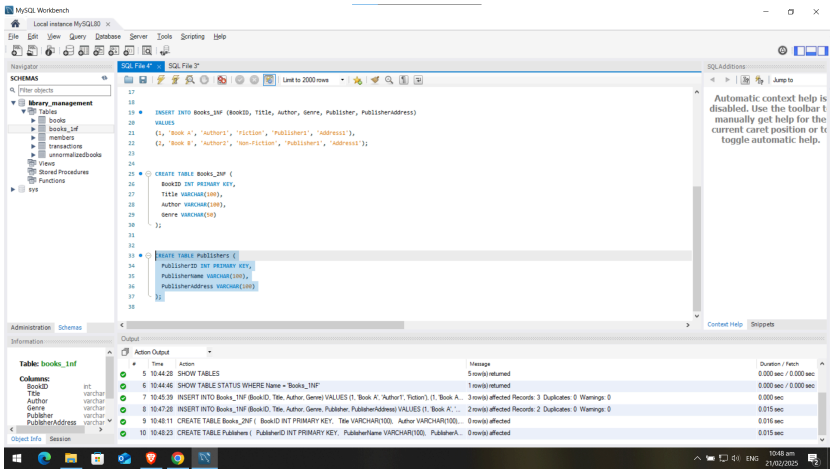
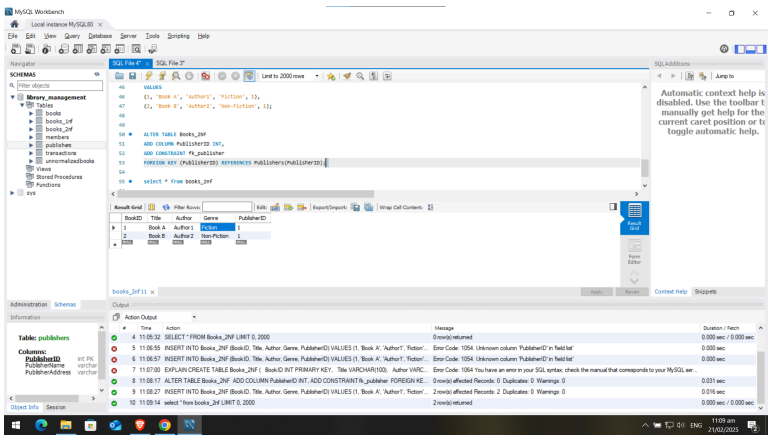
Result:

The table is now in 2NF with no partial dependencies.







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Additional Questions/Discussions:

- What is a partial dependency, and how does 2NF eliminate it?
  - A **partial dependency** occurs when a **non-key attribute** depends on only part of a **composite primary key**, rather than the whole key. This leads to data redundancy and inefficiencies.In **1NF**, the `Publisher` and `PublisherAddress` fields depend only on `PublisherName`, not on `BookID`. To achieve **2NF**, we separate this data into a `Publishers` table and use `PublisherID` as a **foreign key** in `Books_2NF`. This eliminates partial dependencies, ensuring that every non-key attribute depends only on the entire primary key, reducing redundancy and improving data consistency.

- How do foreign keys help maintain data integrity?
- A **foreign key** is a column that establishes a relationship between two tables, ensuring consistency in the database.
- In **2NF**, `PublisherID` in `Books_2NF` references `PublisherID` in the `Publishers` table. This prevents **orphan records** (books with non-existing publishers) and maintains valid relationships. Foreign keys also ensure that updates or deletions in the `Publishers` table follow **referential integrity**, preventing accidental data loss or inconsistencies.

Conclusions: By converting the table from 1NF to 2NF, we eliminate partial dependencies, ensuring that all non-key attributes fully depend on the primary key. This reduces data redundancy, improves data integrity, and simplifies updates.

Using foreign keys further strengthens referential integrity, preventing orphaned data and enforcing logical relationships between tables. Achieving 2NF makes the database more structured, efficient, and easier to manage.