


SQL-02

keys

Agenda

- ↳ Super-key
- ↳ Candidate key
- ↳ Primary key
- ⇒ SQL Introduction

↳ Foreign key

◦ Composite key

Super key:

{email}

{Phone No}

~~{Name}~~

~~{marks}~~

Name	email	ph	marks

Student

{Name, email}

{Name, email, marks}

Candidate-key: is a super key from which no

minimal super key

col can be removed and it will still

have the property of uniquely identifying
a row.

~~{ Name, email }~~
~~{ Name, email, marks }~~

{ email }
{ phone }

{ email, phone No }

↑ ↑
Remove or Remove

Super key

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Cand key

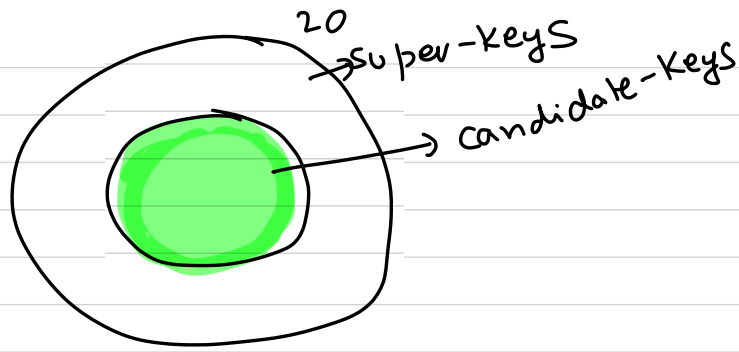
NO

NO

Yes

Yes

NO



Every CK is SK
but not every SK is CK.

Will CK be always one column?

Attendance → of every student for every class.

Studentid	classid	attd.
1	2	50
1	3	75
2	2	60

{ student-id, class-id, attid }

SK
Yes

CK
No

{ student-id }

X

X

{ class-id }

X

X

{ student-id, class-id }

Yes

Yes

↳ a CK can have more than 1 colm.

Quiz 3:

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ME
ME

Candidate Key

SK

CK

☐ { Employee Id, ~~Dept~~ }

Yes

No

☒ { Email }

Yes

Yes

☐ { First Name, LastName }

X

X


☐ { Last Name, Dept }

X

X

If both EmployeeID and Email are unique for each employee, which of these could be a Candidate Key for the Employee table?

35 users have participated

A	{EmployeeID, Email}	17%
B	{EmployeeID}	6%
C	{Email}	3%
	D Both B and C	74%



SK

yes

CK

NO

yes

yes

yes

yes



PRIMARY Key

multiple SK : Yes

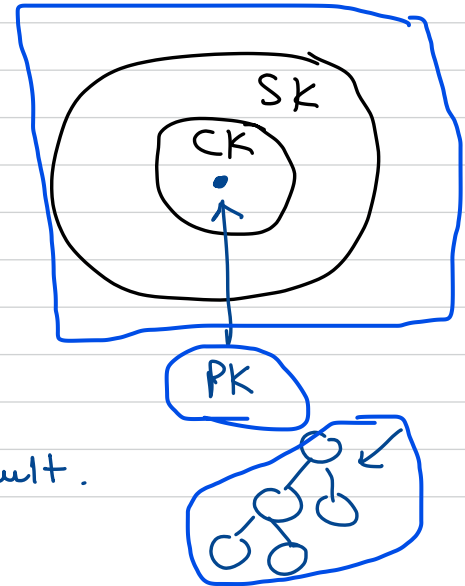
multiple CK : Yes

Primary key : → It is a candidate key that is chosen to be the key for that table.

A good primary key

- ✓ → small size
- ✓ → fast to sort upon
(results are sorted acc to PK)

→ DB create 'index' on PK by default.



if student email is updated,
will also have to
update the tree
structure (index)

↓ student-id student

student-id	Email	name
1	A	
2	B	
3		

✓ should not get changed.

Candidate keys

{ student-id }
{ email }
{ phone No }

Primary key

↳ small

↳ fast

↳ will not get changed.

Attendance

class-id	student-id	attendance
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2	5	50%.
2	6	60%.
3	5	40%
3	6	70%.

st-id → 6

cl-id → 2

(class-id, student-id, att)

(class-id, student-id)

(2 ↑, 6)

Super-key: Yes

Can-key: Yes

Primary-key: Yes, and composite

Y

N

N



Composite Key: Any key which has more than one column is termed as composite key.

(Terminology)

A foreign key is a field (or a set of fields) in one table that uniquely identifies a row in another table. The purpose of a foreign key is to create a link between the data in two tables. It should be candidate key.



Foreign Key

Student

Student-id	Email	Phone-no	batch-id
5	deepak@	98164	2

Foreign Key

Batch

batch-id	batch Name	Start	End	Instructor-Id
1	ML	=	=	=
2	SQL	12 feb	12 Mar	3

↑
PK

Instructor	Instructor-id	
	3	Prateek

Student	Student-id		email		phone-no		batch-name
	5		deepak@		98164		ML

Batch	batch-id		batch Name		Start	End	Instructor-Id
	1	2	ML	S&L	= 12 feb	= 12 Mar	3

PK

→ A foreign key is a col in a table that references a col in another table.

→ It has nothing to do with PK, CK or SK.

batch_id batch_name

1 Batch A
2 Batch B
3 Batch C

student_id first_name last_name batch_id

1 John Doe 1
2 Jane Doe 1
3 Jim Brown 2
4 Jenny Smith 3
5 Jack Johnson 2

Foreign
key

Foreign key

mentor_id

5

7

5

6

5



Mentor

Ment Id

Ment Name

5

Prateek

6

Naman

7

Deepak

Multiple
cols can
be
declared
as
FK referencing
different
tables.

Intro to SQL

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Issues

- Delete a batch
- Update

13	ML
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Batch
(parent)

X	3	NULL	0	13
Y	3	NULL	0	13
Z	3	NULL	0	13

Student
(child)

Delete batch - id → 3

CASCADE
SET NULL

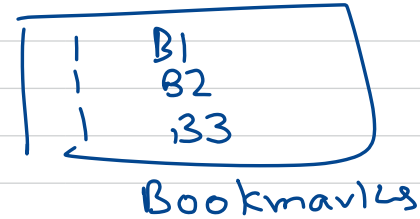
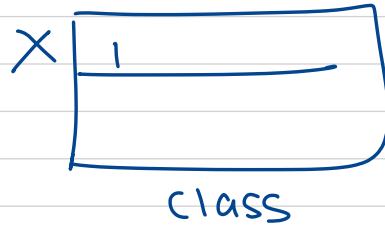
RESTRICT

SET DEFAULT

Default
Behaviour

- ①
- ②
- ③
- ④

Delete students / Update student
Set NULL
Don't Allow / Restrict
Set Default → 0



Key Points about Foreign Keys

Referential Integrity: Foreign keys ensure that values in the column in one table (the child table) must exist in another table (the parent table). This helps maintain data consistency.

On Delete/On Update: Foreign keys can be set with rules for what happens when the referenced data in the parent table is deleted or updated. Common rules are **ON DELETE CASCADE** (deletes related child rows), **ON DELETE SET NULL**, or **ON DELETE RESTRICT**