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Database Systems Lab 2

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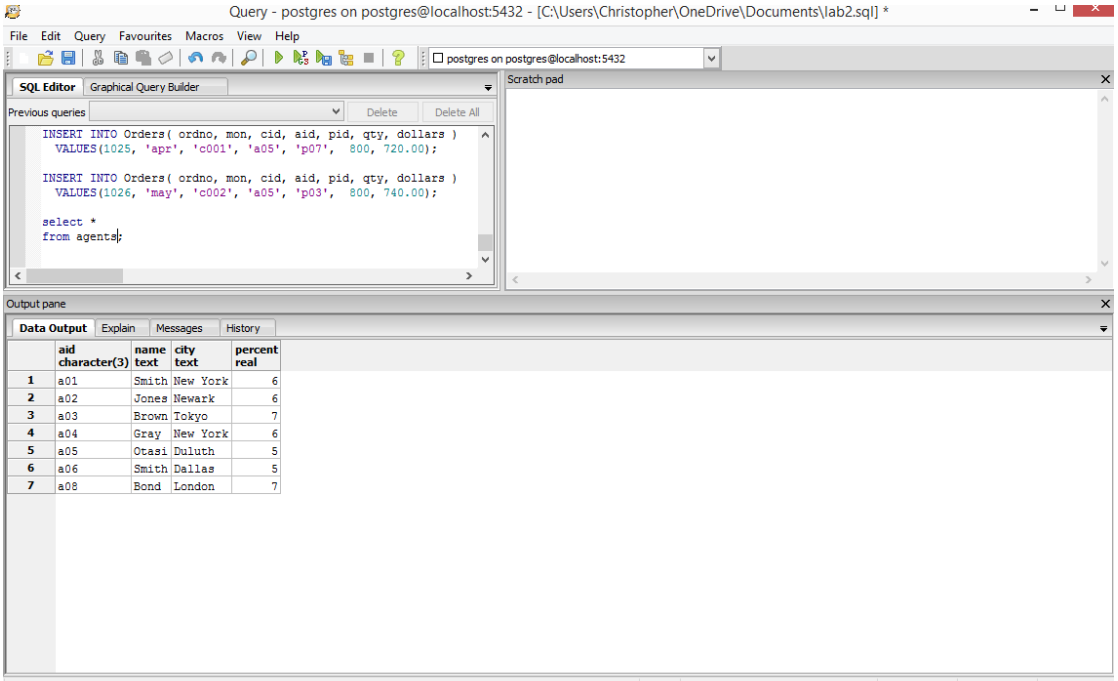

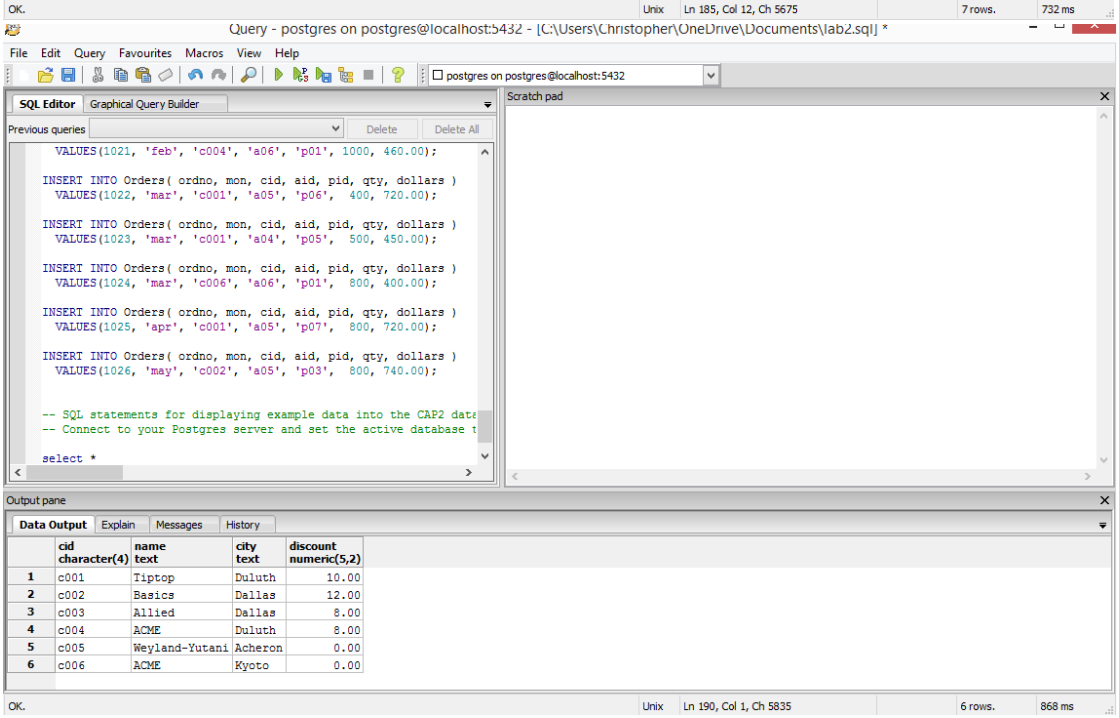

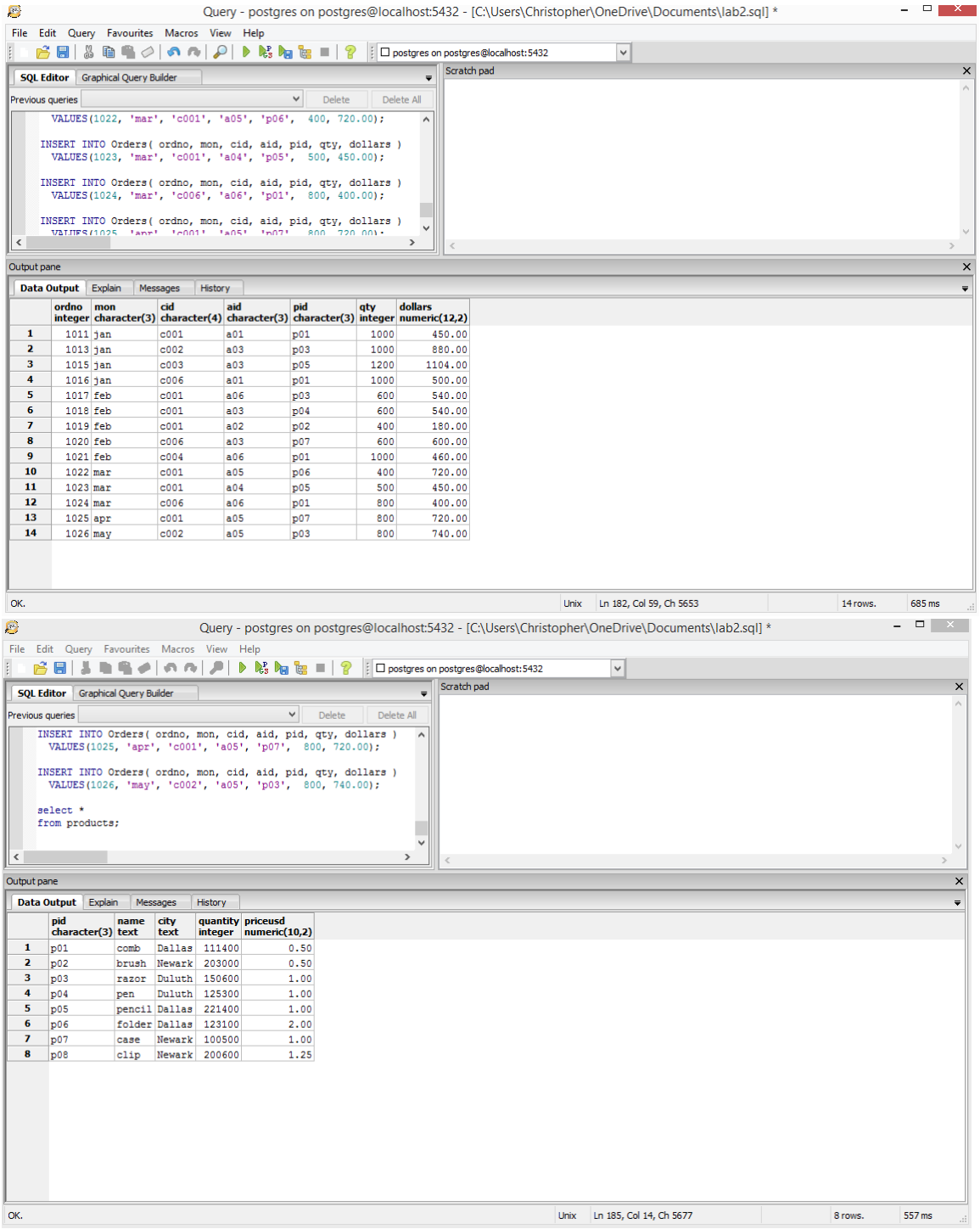

2. The primary key uniquely identifies each record in the table. It can be a single attribute or multiple attributes. It can be a unique id number used that cannot be duplicated. The primary key will guarantee only one result. Candidate key is a sort of sub-category of primary key. They may combine more than one piece of information to make up the id of that key. Superkey is a set of columns that uniquely identify any row in the RDBMS. It is a set of attributes within a set of values that identifies it.

3. Data types will identify what value and classification a piece of information may be. Examples of data types would be integers, booleans, text, characters, and numbers. A situation where you may create a table could be any inventory system. Lets says a grocery store wants to keep track of their inventory. They may have a table called inventory or products. The fields they may want to include would be an id number for the product (char), the name of the product (text) quantiy of the item (how much is in stock…integer), quantity sold within a certain period (maybe monthly….integer), they may also want to put wholesale cost and resale cost of product (numeric as well as what currency it is). Usually the primary key is going to be not null because you cannot leave that field empty. In this case product id is going to be the primary key. This field has to have a number in it to uniquely identify the product. No other product will have the same id which will keep them all unique.

4. First normal form is the condition that every element of a tuple has an atomic value. This means that it cannot be divided into smaller pieces. The benefits are that there is no repeating groups. Every table has one value. An example is if there was a field that had a customer's phone number you could not put 2 numbers into one field. Accesing rows by content only I am assuming means you can be very specific in what you are looking for. If you need certain content like number of items sold of a certain product you would be able to get that information easy. All rows must be unique will ensure that there is a distinguishment between the content being entered. You would not want two rows with customer id numbers because then you wouldn't know which customer id number would be the correct one or the primary key.