

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:

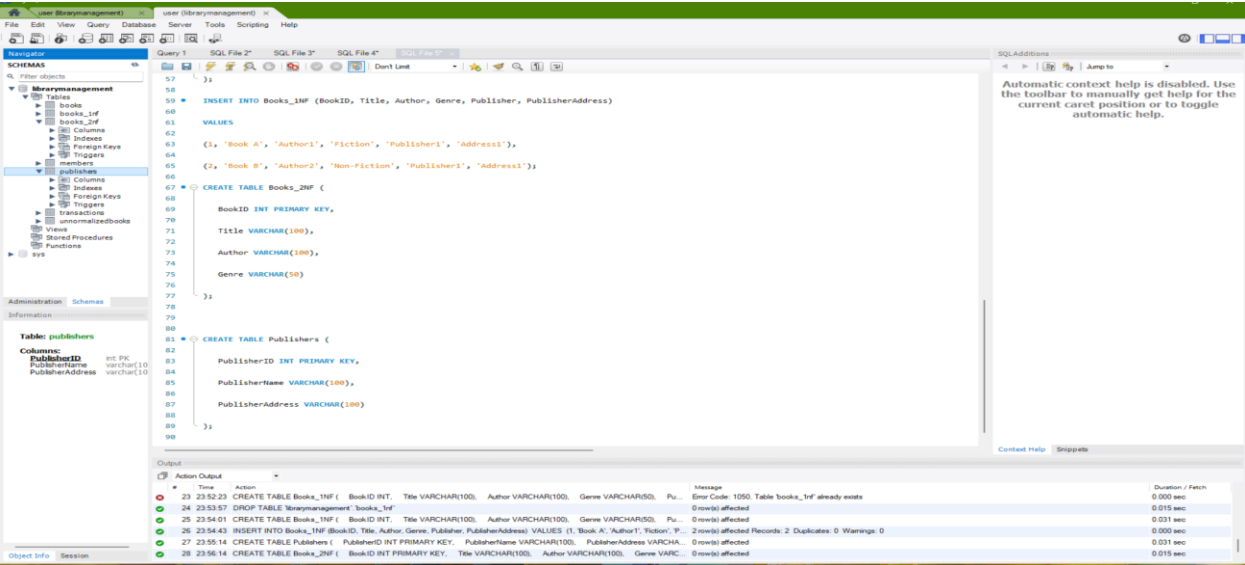
Given a 1NF table, remove partial dependencies to achieve 2NF.

Objectives:

- Remove partial dependencies and achieve 2NF.

Result:

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



Additional Questions/Discussions:

- What is a partial dependency, and how does 2NF eliminate it?

Answer: A **partial dependency** occurs when a non-key attribute depends only on part of a composite primary key, not the whole key. **2NF** eliminates this by ensuring that all non-key attributes depend entirely on the primary key, preventing redundancy and improving data consistency.

- How do foreign keys help maintain data integrity?

Answer: Foreign keys enforce **referential integrity** by ensuring relationships between tables remain valid. They prevent orphan records by ensuring referenced data exists in the parent table before insertion or update.

Conclusions:

2NF removes partial dependencies, reducing redundancy.

Foreign keys maintain relational consistency, preventing invalid data.

Better data integrity and efficiency lead to a more structured and reliable database.