



Let's create a flawed (unnormalized) table filled with anomalies and then walk through **1NF**, **2NF**, and **3NF** normalization processes.

⚠ Unnormalized Table: StudentCourseScores

| StudentID | StudentName | Courses | Scores | AdvisorName | AdvisorPhone |
|-----------|-------------|--|-------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 101 | Alice Brown | Math, English, Physics | 85, 78, 92 | Mr. John | 08011223344 |
| 102 | Bob Smith | Chemistry, Math | 88, 90 | Ms. Rita | 08022334455 |
| 103 | Clara Jones | Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math | 75, 80, 89, 95 | Mr. John | 08011223344 |

⊗ Problems (Anomalies):

- **Repeating groups** (Courses & Scores): Violates atomicity (1NF).
- **Partial dependencies**: If StudentID is the key, then AdvisorName and AdvisorPhone depend only on a portion of the data, not each course.
- **Transitive dependency**: AdvisorPhone depends on AdvisorName which depends on StudentID (via relation).

✓ First Normal Form (1NF)

Goal:

- No repeating groups.

- Atomic values in all fields.
- Primary key identified.

✓ Table: **StudentCourses** (Flattened, Atomic)

| StudentID | StudentName | Course | Score | AdvisorName | AdvisorPhone |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| 101 | Alice Brown | Math | 85 | Mr. John | 08011223344 |
| 101 | Alice Brown | English | 78 | Mr. John | 08011223344 |
| 101 | Alice Brown | Physics | 92 | Mr. John | 08011223344 |
| 102 | Bob Smith | Chemistry | 88 | Ms. Rita | 08022334455 |
| 102 | Bob Smith | Math | 90 | Ms. Rita | 08022334455 |
| 103 | Clara Jones | Biology | 75 | Mr. John | 08011223344 |
| 103 | Clara Jones | Chemistry | 80 | Mr. John | 08011223344 |
| 103 | Clara Jones | Physics | 89 | Mr. John | 08011223344 |
| 103 | Clara Jones | Math | 95 | Mr. John | 08011223344 |

- Primary Key: (StudentID , Course)

✓ Second Normal Form (2NF)

Goal:

- Remove partial dependencies.
- Every non-key column depends on the *whole* primary key.

Solution: Split into multiple related tables.

Table 1: **Students**

| StudentID | StudentName | AdvisorID |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| 101 | Alice Brown | 1 |
| 102 | Bob Smith | 2 |
| 103 | Clara Jones | 1 |

Table 2: **Advisors**

| AdvisorID | AdvisorName | AdvisorPhone |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 | Mr. John | 08011223344 |
| 2 | Ms. Rita | 08022334455 |

Table 3: **Courses**

| CourseID | CourseName |
|----------|------------|
| 1 | Math |
| 2 | English |
| 3 | Physics |
| 4 | Chemistry |
| 5 | Biology |

Table 4: StudentScores

| StudentID | CourseName | Score |
|-----------|------------|-------|
| 101 | Math | 85 |
| 101 | English | 78 |
| 101 | Physics | 92 |
| 102 | Chemistry | 88 |
| 102 | Math | 90 |
| 103 | Biology | 75 |
| 103 | Chemistry | 80 |
| 103 | Physics | 89 |
| 103 | Math | 95 |

✓ Third Normal Form (3NF)

Goal:

- Eliminate **transitive dependencies**.
- All non-key columns must depend *only* on the key, and *nothing but the key*.

Let's revise:

- In `Students`, `AdvisorName` and `AdvisorPhone` have been removed and placed in the `Advisors` table.
- In `StudentScores`, course details are not repeated—only referenced via `CourseName` or `CourseID`.

✓ Final Tables Summary:

Students

| StudentID | StudentName | AdvisorID |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| 101 | Alice Brown | 1 |
| 102 | Bob Smith | 2 |
| 103 | Clara Jones | 1 |

Advisors

| AdvisorID | AdvisorName | AdvisorPhone |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 | Mr. John | 08011223344 |
| 2 | Ms. Rita | 08022334455 |

Courses

| CourseID | CourseName |
|----------|------------|
| 1 | Math |
| 2 | English |
| 3 | Physics |
| 4 | Chemistry |
| 5 | Biology |

StudentScores

| StudentID | CourseID | Score |
|-----------|----------|-------|
| 101 | 1 | 85 |
| 101 | 2 | 78 |

| StudentID | CourseID | Score |
|-----------|----------|-------|
| 101 | 3 | 92 |
| 102 | 4 | 88 |
| 102 | 1 | 90 |
| 103 | 5 | 75 |
| 103 | 4 | 80 |
| 103 | 3 | 89 |
| 103 | 1 | 95 |
