

Lab 2: The Relational Model



What is a key?

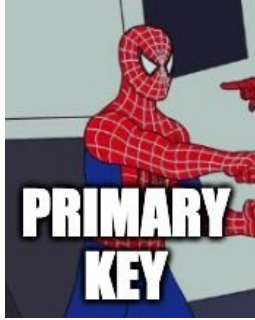
A **key** uniquely identifies each **record** in a table.

Remember: One **key** = one **record**

However: One **record** != one **key**

*A record is not limited to having only one key





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- Chosen among candidate keys
- Minimal set of attributes that uniquely identifies a record
- A set of attributes that includes the candidate key as a **proper** subset

Key Example

Course_Sections (**course_id**: integer, **name**: string, **faculty_id**: integer, **section_start**: date)

What could be the candidate keys?

For each candidate key, what are all the super keys?

Candidate key 1: {course_id}

super keys = {
{course_id name}, {course_id faculty_id}, {course_id start},
{course_id name faculty_id},
{course_id name start}, {course_id faculty_id start},
{course_id name faculty_id start}
}

Candidate key 2: {name, faculty_id}

Candidate key 3: {name, start}



Creating relations with SQL

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Write create table statements that encode these relation schemas.
Give an example of a valid relation instance.



Stocks (***name***: string, ***price***: integer, ***exchange***: string, ***IPO_date***:date, ***industry***:string)

- 1) Each stock has a name, and no two stocks have the same *name*.
- 2) No two stocks have the same combination of *IPO_date* and *industry*. Two companies from same industry cannot IPO on same day to prevent confusion.
- 3) Each stock must have a *price* and an *industry*.
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Creating relations with SQL (solution)

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```
create table Stocks (  
    name          varchar(128) primary key,  
    price         integer      not null,  
    exchange      varchar(128),  
    IPO_date      date,  
    industry      varchar(32)   not null,  
    unique (IPO_date, industry)  
);
```

Creating relations with SQL 2

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Soft_Drinks (**id**: integer, **name**: string, **description**: string, **price**: decimal, **quantity**: integer)

- 1) All drinks have an *id*, and no two drinks have the same *id*
- 2) Each drink has a *name*, a *price*, and a quantity in stock (*quantity*)
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```
create table Soft_Drinks (  
  id          integer          primary key,  
  name        varchar(128)     not null unique,  
  description  varchar(1024),  
  price       decimal          not null,  
  quantity    integer          not null,  
  CHECK (quantity > 0)  
);
```



Foreign key constraints

- A foreign key defines a (directed) link between **tuples** in different relations
- Foreign keys enforce referential integrity: a requirement that a **value** in an attribute or attributes of a tuple in one relation must also appear as a **value** in another relation
- A foreign key in a relation must reference (point to) a **candidate key** in another relation



Foreign key constraints



Enrollment(sid, cid, grade), Students(sid), Courses(cid)

Enrollment.**sid** must refer to an existing student, i.e., it must match Students.**sid** for some tuple in Students

Enrollment.**cid** must refer to an existing course, i.e., it must match Courses.**cid** for some tuple in Courses

Declaring foreign key constraints

- A foreign key in a relation must reference (point to) a **candidate key** in another relation.
- That is, the target column(s) are either a primary key or designated as UNIQUE
- Some relational systems limit this further: a foreign key must point to a primary key. For efficiency reasons, pointing to a primary key is usually a better choice.



Foreign key examples

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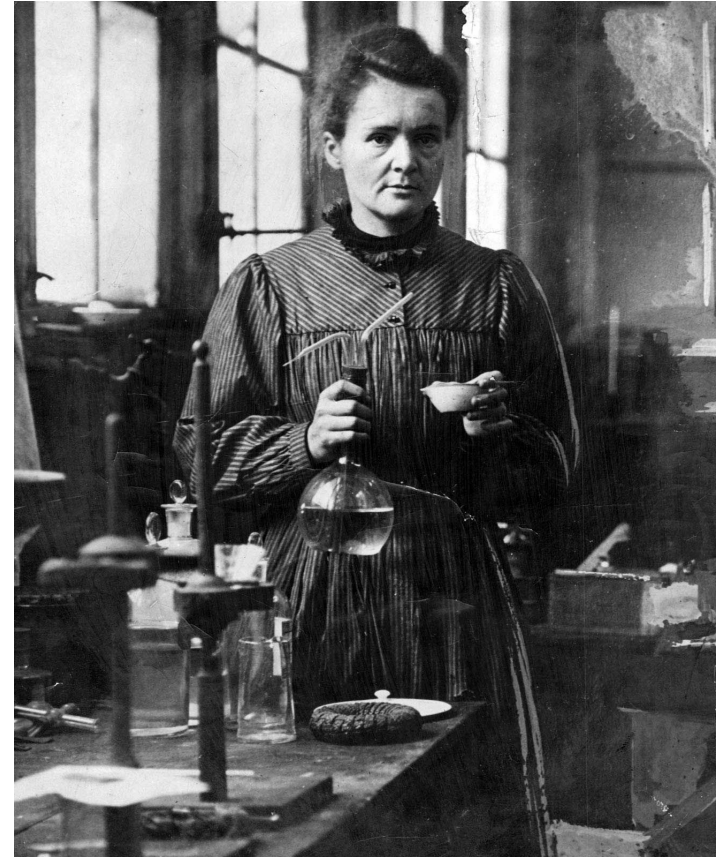
Scientists (*name*: string, *field*: string, *award*: string)

Books (*ISBN*: integer, *name*: string, *author*: string)

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Madame Curie. Nobel Prize Physics 1903. Chemistry 1901

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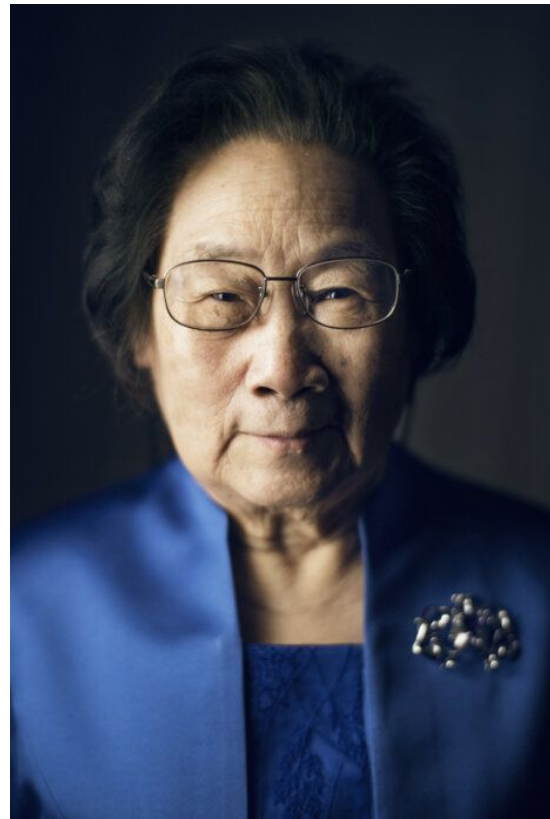
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```
create table Scientists (  
    name      varchar(128)    primary key,  
    field      varchar(64),  
    award      varchar(128)  
);  
create table Books (  
    ISBN       integer        primary key,  
    name        varchar(128),  
    author      string        not null,  
    foreign key (author) references Scientists(name) on delete cascade  
);
```



Mdm Tu Youyou. Nobel Prize Medicine 2015

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Teams (name: string, country: string, *sponsor*: string, owner: string)

Organizations(name: string, country: string)

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```
create table Organizations (  
    name          varchar(128),  
    country       varchar(128),  
    primary key (name, country)  
);
```

```
create table Teams (  
    name          varchar(128) primary key,  
    sponsor       varchar(128),  
    owner         varchar(128),  
    country       varchar(128),  
    foreign key (owner, country) references  
        Organizations(name, country) on delete cascade  
);
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```
create table Players (  
    name          varchar(128) primary key,  
    country       varchar(64),  
    game         varchar(64),  
    team         varchar(128) not null default 'Team Pikachu',  
    foreign key (team) references Teams(name) on delete set default
```

Foreign key examples

Customers (*cid*: integer, name: string, address: string)

Products (*pid*: integer, name: string, description: string, price: decimal, qty_stock: integer)

Purchases (*cid*: integer, *pid*: integer, *datetime*: date)



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```
create table Customers (  
  cid      integer      primary key,  
  name     varchar(128) not null,  
  address  varchar(1024) not null  
);
```

```
create table Products (  
  pid      integer      primary key  
  name     varchar(128) not null,  
  description varchar(1024),  
  price    decimal      not null,  
  qty_stock integer      not null  
);
```

```
create table Purchase (  
  cid      integer,  
  pid      integer,  
  datetime date,  
  primary key (cid, pid, datetime),  
  foreign key (cid) references Customers (cid),  
  foreign key (pid) references Products (pid)  
);
```