





# CSE3103 : Database

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# Boyce Codd Normal Form (BCNF)

- A relation is in BCNF if it is satisfied the following conditions.
  - It should be in the Third Normal Form.
  - For any dependency  $A \rightarrow B$ , Determinant **A** should be a candidate key (**a candidate key is always a super key**).
  - Candidate key may be in the form of composite and overlapping.
  - Primary key is generated from the set of a candidate keys.

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## *Enrollment*

student_id	subject	Professor
12101	Java	Prof. S
12101	C++	Prof. A
12102	Java	Prof. W
12103	C#	Prof. T
12104	Java	Prof. S

- One student can enroll for multiple subjects.
- For each subject, a professor is assigned to the student.
- Multiple professors teaching one subject like we have for Java.

Who will be the **Primary Key** in this table ?

- **Single or composite ?**
- {student\_id, subject} together form the primary key. subject is a **candidate key**.
- Because using student\_id and subject, we can find all the columns of the table.

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### • Check Normality

- This table satisfies the **1st Normal form** because all the values are atomic, column names are unique and all the values stored in a particular column are of same domain.
- This table also satisfies the **2nd Normal Form** as there is no **Partial Dependency**.
- There is no **Transitive Dependency**, hence the table also satisfies the **3rd Normal Form**.
- But this table is not in **Boyce-Codd Normal Form**.

- There is a dependency between **subject** and **professor** here, where **subject** depends on the professor name.
- Dependency **professor** → **subject**
- **student\_id, subject** form primary key, **subject** is also a candidate key.

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To make this relation(table) satisfy BCNF, we will decompose this table into two tables, **student** table and **professor** table. Below we have the structure for both the tables.

Student

student_id	p_id
12101	1
12101	2
12102	3
12103	4
12104	1

Professor

p_id	professor	subject
1	Prof. S	Java
2	Prof. A	C++
3	Prof. W	Java
4	Prof. T	C#

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Another Example for you on the different scenario.

Client Interview

client_id	Interview_date	Interview_time	Staff_no	Room_no
C76	11-9-19	10:30	S7	G101
C54	11-9-19	11:20	S7	G101
C74	11-9-19	12:30	S9	G102
c54	11-9-19	12:30	S7	G102

Primary Key: client\_id , interview\_date

Candidate key : {staff\_no, interview\_date, interview\_time} , {room\_no, interview\_date, interview\_time}

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Functional Dependency:

1. Client\_id, interview\_date  $\rightarrow$  interview\_time, staff\_no, room\_no
2. staff\_no, interview\_date, interview\_time  $\rightarrow$  Client\_id
3. room\_no, interview\_date, interview\_time  $\rightarrow$  staff\_no, client\_id
4. staff\_no, interview\_date  $\rightarrow$  room\_no
5. staff\_no, room\_no  $\rightarrow$  interview\_time
6. So on ....

**Primary Key: client\_id , interview\_date**

**Candidate key : {staff\_no, interview\_date, interview\_time} ,  
{room\_no, interview\_date, interview\_time}**



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Solution on different scenario.

Client Interview date

Interview_date	Staff_no	Room_no
11-9-19	S7	G101
11-9-19	S7	G101
11-9-19	S9	G102
11-9-19	S7	G102

Primary Key: interview\_date

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Solution on the different scenario.

Client Interview detail

client_id	Interview_date	Interview_time	Staff_no
C76	11-9-19	10:30	S7
C54	11-9-19	11:20	S7
C74	11-9-19	12:30	S9
C54	11-9-19	10:30	S7

Primary Key: client\_id , interview\_date, interview\_time

