Cpt-140 Database Concepts

Week 2: The Relationship Model 1 (RM1)

Learning Objectives.

In this topic we look at Entity-Relationship modeling (or ER Diagram). This step formalises the information to be recorded in a database.

Understand the connection between tables and relations.
Describe the purpose of a schema.
Explain the meaning of relational terms including <i>Tuple</i> , <i>Domain</i> , <i>Attribute</i> and <i>Key</i> .
Know the correct SQL code to create a relation and demonstrate with an example.
Know the definition of a <i>Primary Key</i> and be able to give examples.
State the domain constraints on the primary key.
Know what a Foreign Key is as well as how and why it is used.
Know how to define Primary Keys and Foreign Keys in SQL.
Understand how Primary Keys and Foreign Keys enforce Referential Integrity.
Give examples of SQL queries that fail due to integrity constraints.
Be aware of the case insensitivity of SQL key words.
Know what terminator characters are used to execute a query.

Reading for this week;

These Sections from the text book.

2.1 , 2.2 , 2.3 and 2.5