

Introduction

The group assignment is open ended. You are expected to think about the problem domain and design a database that covers the major needs. As the domain is very large it is not expected that you cover all but it should be reasonable to expect that the skeleton you create would be extendable to cover the whole domain. There are a few specific requirements below and your design should explicitly cover those. That is you will need to have relations containing information about Friends Arena, Russian Men's Ice Hockey team and so on.

You will be split into groups on the first day, distribute tasks between you and then continue to work outside of class. The last recitation session is for you to meet together consolidate your work and get help, as needed, from the teachers. The final deliverable is due a week after that.

Winter Olympic Games - Stockholm 2022

Stockholm has plans to host the 2022 winter Olympic games. In order to demonstrate it is serious, the city is designing the database needed to keep track of all information on the games. That includes all teams, contestants, trainers, officials, reporters, housing, venues, sports, events, competitions, tickets, schedules, results, statistics, attendance, media coverage, and on and on.

Your task is to help with a small part of the total design. Namely data on:

1. National teams (ie. countries),
2. Contestants (ie. people),
3. Sports (e.g. Cross-country skiing),
4. Events (e.g. Men's 30 km ski),
5. Competitions (e.g. round 1, group 3),
6. Venues (e.g. Globen, ice rink), and
7. Schedules.
8. ...

This part of the database should be sufficient to answer at least these questions:

1. What is going on at Friends Arena on Sunday?
2. What teams are competing in the women's slalom alpine ski race?
3. Where and when are the finals in the bobsleigh race being run?
4. Who are the goal keepers for Russian's men's ice hockey team?

Furthermore the database should enforce consistency:

1. contestants must belong to one and only one team,
2. no two competitions can take place at the same venue at the same time (A venue is not the same as arena as it includes competitions locations within the arena.),
3. that a contestant can not compete at the same time in different competitions.

The above lists are required but not complete. You should try to imagine extensions to them. Your database design would need to work in practice with all that is implied but the entire lists of possible queries, relations, attributes, and constraints are way beyond the scope of this exercises, but do find some. I expect each of you to work productively during class and plus up to 4-8 hours outside class.

You will work in groups of 3-5.

One person should upload a list of the names of the group members that were active participants along with recitation leader's name to the course web immediately after or during class.

Here is a suggested way to go about this:

Phase 1

1. Make a list of all data (attributes) that seem to be needed without worrying about the best way of organizing it.
2. Test this list on the above criteria to see if the information is sufficient to, in principle, answer the questions and to ensure the consistency.
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until your list seems complete
4. Make a list of functional dependencies that you believe exist between the attributes.
5. Eliminate those FD's that follow from the others.
6. Repeat 4 and 5 until you feel you have formed a basis set of FD's for this database.
7. Create a 3NF Decomposition of your partial Olympic database.
8. List some other constraints that must be added, ie foreign keys, not null, value ranges,....

Some of these are best done separately by each team member and then combined into a more complete picture. So for example two members might focus on teams and contestants while others might think about the venues. Split the work as you see fit but do meet outside of class to combine your work and move on to the next step.

Phase 2

After this you are ready to create a preliminary ER diagrams over these attributes by attaching them to entities with relationships. Remember the design principles:

1. Faithful, should meet our specs.
2. Not Redundant, should not have data repeated anywhere.
3. Simple, Eliminate any unnecessary entities or relationships.

Also indicate:

1. multiplicity (pointy arrows);
2. referential integrity (Round arrows);
3. weak entities (double outlined shapes);
4. subclasses (isa triangles).

Phase 3

1. Decide how the ER diagram should best be turned into relations and create the SQL Schema.
2. Add some: checks, constraints and/or triggers to enforce consistency in the schema.
3. Implement in SQL
4. check by running queries

Phase 4

The final deliverable is in the form of one report per group containing:

1. group members names and *@kth.se email addresses;
2. the SQL database schema (list of relation names);
3. relation schemas (CREATE TABLE commands in a create.sql type file as in lab 1). Also fill the tables with som data as in 'create.sql';
4. ER diagram;
5. 3 paragraphs, one on each of the consistency requirements below explaining how your design satisfies them;
6. the SQL queries for the four required questions;
7. at least four additional SQL queries of your own devising;

It might very well also contain constraints, and triggers. It might also discuss FD's and normal forms.

In addition, you should have implemented some part of the database in SQL enough to test at least one of the queries. Include:

1. your sql commands in a text file(s) as in lab 1.
2. the output of running the code (create.sql followed by your queries.sql) in a separte text file.

(You are free to use other database implementation but should provide code to show that your implementation worked on the query(ies)).

Grade:

You have to be at the first recitation session to be part of a group. If you miss that you can do the assignment on your own or find another person(s) in your situation to do the assignment with (5 person per group limit). In any case send me an email telling me what you are planning to do.

The grade is pass fail and is based on exactly the stated requirements above. If the report is lacking in some requirement do not upload it until it covers all of them. If we do not agree that it covers all we will send it back for completion. The amount of work should not present a problem to make the deadline, but if you miss it your report will eventually be graded but will get lower priority. Besides that you are better off getting this done quickly than dragging it into exam time.