## **Key Explanations:**

**Primary Key** – Uniquely identified column that uniquely represents each row.

**Candidate Key** – Minimal superkey pairing, where you break into smallest number of columns needed to identify each row uniquely.

**Superkey** – Any number of columns that uniquely identify every row when the columns are used together.

## Short Essay:

The table I have chosen is cars, and the fields that pertain to the table are: VIN, make, model, year, quality, reqMaintenanceUSD, avgCostUSD, totalCostUSD. The VIN will act as the Primary Key for the table, with a char data type that is non-nullable. The make and model fields will both have text data types which are non-nullable. The quality field will have an int data type for a numeric rating system that is non-nullable. Required maintenance cost as represented by reqMaintenanceUSD is in units of USD with a data type of decimal, and this field is nullable (if it's a new car or in pristine condition). Average cost is also presented in units of USD with its data type also being decimal, but it is non-nullable. Total cost in USD will have a decimal data type, with a non-nullable value possibility as it represents the combination of required maintenance and average cost.

## **Relational Rules:**

- **a. First normal form rule** All data must be atomic with no internal structure, while also containing no repeating groups.
- (i.e. Data is broken down into a base structure where data stands alone in its table location, such as having a column for name and a column for city instead of grouping name and city within a single column.)
- This ensures that data is singularized so we are storing relevant data singularly which gives us the ability to query specific data without receiving additional data that may not pertain to our search.
- b. Access rows by content only rule Data is accessed from data content, not data location.
- (i.e. Data is not accessed by specifying row and column information, but accessed by specified data values.)
- This allows us to locate data through conditional query statements for data organization and grouping data to give us information.
- c. All rows must be unique rule Requires that all data contained in rows of a table is unique for at least one column.
- (i.e. One column(at least) must contain unique data which acts as a key for accessing data within the tables rows, and this unique key relates to data from and/or within another table.)
- This requires a table to have at least one unique column that maps to all data for a given row. This uniqueness allows us to have tables relate to other tables by using this unique column as a key for that table.

## Screenshots:



