

The lookup Tabel
for VolatiliLevel
entity for
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attributes.

VolatilityLevel		
PK	vliid	integer
	levelName	text

Level	LevelName
1	low
2	medium
3	high
4	agressive

A portfolio is a collection of securities acquired through purchases. Securities can also be sold. So, a portfolio is associated with numerous "transactions" that are purchases ("buy") or sales ("sell") of some security. For example, portfolio "Education" with a volatility of "high" and a target date of "2038" is owned by "Jeff Lupis". The portfolio had several transactions: a purchase of 500 shares of Microsoft ("MSFT") at \$134.58 on Sept 14 2022 and 1000 shares of Berkshire Hathaway ("BRYN") at 332.95 on Oct 11 2023, plus a sale of 100 shares of BRYN at 408.17 on Mar 18 2024. A portfolio can be co-owned by two investors. The current market price of a security on the most recent date traded is a triple of high/low/close, so, for example, for BRYN on Sep 3 2024 might have been 431.5/430.25/431.15

My notes:

The original schema was not in 3NF. It had issues like multivalued attributes for example, a single price attribute in the Security entity included high, low, and close values in one field. Another problem was the many-to-many relationship, where a portfolio could be co-owned by two investors. There were also categorical values such as volatility and transaction type stored directly as text. These issues could lead to redundancy, anomalies, or data inconsistency.

To fix this, I decomposed the schema:

1. Created a SecurityPrice table to store daily high, low, close, and date values.
2. Used lookup tables for TransactionType and VolatilityLevel.
3. Added a join table PortfoliorInvestor to resolve the many-to-many relationship.

The table was then checked to make sure it satisfies 3NF. For every functional dependency $X \rightarrow Y$, I confirmed that either X is a superkey, or Y is part of a candidate key

The final ERD diagram is fully normalized and satisfies the requirements for 3NF.

