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SQL Concepts: Foreign Key, Primary Key, Normalization, ER, and Procedures

1. Primary Key

A **Primary Key** is a unique identifier for a record in a table. It ensures that each row in the table can be uniquely identified.

Characteristics:

- Must contain unique values.
- Cannot have NULL values.
- A table can have only one primary key, which may consist of single or multiple columns (Composite Key).

Example:

```
CREATE TABLE Employees (
EmployeeID INT PRIMARY KEY,
Name VARCHAR(100),
Department VARCHAR(50)
);
```

2. Foreign Key

A **Foreign Key** is a column or set of columns in one table that establishes a relationship with the **Primary Key** of another table.

Characteristics:

- Ensures referential integrity between tables.
- Can have duplicate values.
- Can have NULL values if not marked as NOT NULL.

Example:

```
CREATE TABLE Orders (
OrderID INT PRIMARY KEY,
EmployeeID INT,
OrderDate DATE,
FOREIGN KEY (EmployeeID) REFERENCES Employees(EmployeeID)
);
```

3. Normalization

Normalization is the process of organizing data to reduce redundancy and improve data integrity.

Forms of Normalization:

- 1. **1NF (First Normal Form)** Ensures atomicity (each column should contain atomic values) and uniqueness.
- 2. **2NF (Second Normal Form)** Follows 1NF and removes partial dependencies (every non-key column must depend on the entire primary key).
- 3. **3NF (Third Normal Form)** Follows 2NF and removes transitive dependencies.

4. Entity-Relationship (ER) Model

The ER Model represents data as Entities, Attributes, and Relationships.

Components of ER Model:

- Entities: Objects in the database (e.g., Student, Teacher).
- Attributes: Characteristics of an entity (e.g., StudentID, Name).
- Relationships: Connections between entities (e.g., "Student Enrolls in Course").

5. Stored Procedures

A **Stored Procedure** is a precompiled SQL code that can be executed multiple times.

Advantages:

- Improves performance.
- Enhances security.
- Reduces redundancy.

Example:

DELIMITER \$\$

CREATE PROCEDURE GetEmployeeDetails()

BEGIN

SELECT * FROM Employees;

END \$\$

DELIMITER;

CALL GetEmployeeDetails();

Coding:-



