# 5 Database Normal Forms Every Developer Should Know





### First Normal Form (1NF)

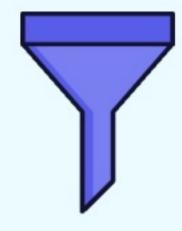
Ensures each column contains only atomic (indivisible) values

### Raw Orders Table

OrderID	Custemer Name	CustomerEmail	Preduct1	Product2	Product3
5001	Adam Smith	adam@exomple.com	"Shoes"	"Hat"	"Watch"



OrderID	Customer Name	CustomerEmail	Product	OrderDate
5001	Adam Smith	adam@excmple.com	Shoes	2025-05-01
5001	Adam Smith	adam@excmple.com	Watch	2025-05-01
5001	Adam Smith	adam@excmple.com	Hat	2025-05-01



## Second Normal Form (2NF)

Ensures every non-key column depends on the entire primary key

### **Current Orders Table**

OrderID	Product	Customer Name	CustomerEmail	OrderDate
5001	Shoes	Adam Smith	adam@excmple.com	2025-05-01
5001	Hat	Adam Smith	adam@excmple.com	2025-05-01
5001	Watch	Adam Smith	adam@excmple.com	2025-05-01

### **Orders Table**

OrderID	Custemer Name	CustomerEmail	OrderDate
5001	Adam Smith	adam@exomple.com	2025-05-01



### **OrderItems Table**

OrderID	Product1
5001	Shoes
5001	Hat
5001	Watch



### **Third Normal** Form (3NF)

Removes transitive dependencies. Non-key columns should depend on the primary key

### **Orders Table**

OrderID	Custemer Name	CustomerEmail	Region	OrderDate
5001	Adam Smith	adam@exomple.com	West US	2025-05-01

CustomerEmail	Customer Name	Region	
adam@excmple.com	Adam Smith	West US	

**Customers Table** 



### **Orders Table**

OrderID	Customer Email	OrderDate
5001	adam@excmple.com	2025-05-01



## Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)

Strengthens 3NF by requiring that every column that determines another to be a candidate key

## Course Assignment Table

CourseID	Rocm Number	Instructor
CS101	Room A	Dr Adams
CS102	Room B	Dr Baker
CS101	Room B	Dr Adams
CS102	Room A	Dr Baker



### Course Instructor Table

CourseID	Instructor
CS101	Dr Adams
CS102	Dr Baker
CS101	Dr Adams
CS102	Dr Baker

### Course Room Mapping Table

Room Number	Time Slot	CourseID
Room A	9:00 AM	CS101
Room B	10:00 AM	CS102
Room A	11:00 AM	CS101
Room B	12:00 PM	CS102

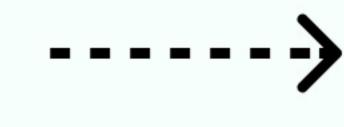


## **Fourth Normal** Form (4NF)

Ensures that a table does not mix multiple independent one-to-many relationships for same entity

## **Employee Skills and Projects**

EmployeeID	Skill	Project
E001	Java	ProjectX
E001	Python	ProjectX
E001	Java	ProjectY
E001	Python	ProjectY



### Employee Skills Table

EmployeeID	Skill
E001	Java
E001	Python

### **Employee Project Table**

EmployeeID	Project
E001	ProjectX
E001	ProjectY