# Database Design

## Two Approaches (Techniques) to Database Design

- Data Modeling
  - A conceptual picture of your database
  - Drawn with a computer-based tool

### Normalization

- A method of cleaning up and organizing your data
- Structures the data to fit the RELATIONAL MODEL
- A set of rules you apply to the data to clean up the data

# Database Design

## Best Approach

- Combine the Two
  - We construct a data model
  - We normalize the data as we model

- Iterative process
  - Model some, normalize some
  - Model some more, normalize some more

### Normalization

process to eliminate data redundancy

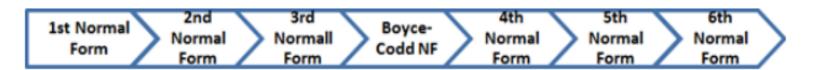
ensure data association / relationship

easy in data maintenance

increase design flexibility

- There can be many normal forms but we will consider **only first three**.
- Others are considered too restrictive and generally not used in practice.
- upon normalizing your design, you generally end up with more tables than you stared with.

Theory of Data Normalization in SQL is still being developed further. For example, there are discussions even on 6<sup>th</sup> Normal Form. **However, in most practical applications, normalization achieves its best in 3<sup>rd</sup> Normal Form.** The evolution of Normalization theories is illustrated below-



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## we must FIRST learn the rules of Normalization

- A structured, defined, detailed process
- Prepares data to make sure it complies with the rules of the RELATIONAL MODEL
- Often seen by students as a CONFUSING process
- Concepts are somewhat ACADEMIC and THEORETICAL

# **Objective of Normalization**

Normalization is a process of converting unstructured table into two or more well structured tables and remove redundancy.

- To Arrange the data into a series of clearly defined, well-organized RELATIONS
  - Each with a primary key
  - All attributes are functionally dependent on the primary key
  - Each with required foreign keys referencing other relations

- Normalization: follow the Rules of "ONE"
  - –One entity = one table
  - –One occurrence of that entity = one row
  - –One attribute = one column
  - All columns in the row describe one occurrence of that entity
  - All columns are functionally dependent on one primary key

## Normalization: Rules of "ONE" EXAMPLE

- Imagine a system used by a university's Registrar's office
- We keep data about STUDENTS (entity)
- For a student (one occurrence of the entity) we store FirstName, LastName, MiddleInitial,
   PhoneNumber, Address (attributes)
- We identify a student by their StudentID (primary key)

- Entity = STUDENT
- Attributes = (<u>StudentID</u>, FirstName,
   LastName, MiddleInitial,
   PhoneNumber, Address)
- One entity, one primary key, one student contained in one row, all columns are functionally dependent on the one primary key

## How do we achieve this?

Key Analysis using Functional Dependencies

Identify and correct anomalies

 Decomposition of a single table into multiple tables (i.e., we end up with more tables)

- Redundancy storing a piece of data more than once
- Update/Delete errors

title	year	length	genre	studioName	starName
Star Wars	1977	124	SciFi	Fox	Carrie Fisher
Star Wars	1977	124	SciFi	Fox	Mark Hamill
Star Wars	1977	124	SciFi	Fox	Harrison Ford
Gone With the Wind	1939	231	drama	MGM	Vivien Leigh
Wayne's World	1992	95	comedy	Paramount	Dana Carvey
Wayne's World	1992	95	comedy	Paramount	Mike Meyers

## Decomposing this relation into two removes the anomalies

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(b) The relation Movies2.

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(b) The relation Movies3.

# Normalization Step-by-Step

- First Normal Form
  - Remove any multi-valued cells and/or any rows requiring a specific sequence
- Second Normal Form
  - For entities with concatenated keys, make sure that all attributes are dependent on the full key
- Third Normal Form
  - Make sure that no attributes are dependent on any other non-key attributes
- Fourth Normal Form
  - Eliminate multi-value dependencies

### First Normal Form

- Remove Repeating Groups of attributes
- Put repeating attributes into a new relation
  - Create a key for the new relation
    - Probably a Concatenated key
    - The key of the Original relation + an identifier for each occurrence of the Repeating Group of attributes

### Second Normal Form

- Every non-key attribute is functionally dependent on the entire primary key
- Only meaningful when there is a concatenated key
- Create a new relation
  - Create a key for the new relation
- Migrate only the dependent columns to the new relation

### Third Normal Form

- No non-key attributes are dependent on any other non-key attributes
- Create a new relation
  - Create a key for the new relation
- Migrate only the dependent columns to the new relation

### Fourth Normal Form

- A multi-valued dependency is this:
  - Multiple independent attributes are dependent on the same determinant
  - Example:
    - One Customer may have multiple "contacts" of different "types"
  - 4NF is rarely used.

## Multivalued Dependency example

### Students

Student_Name	Major
Ravi	Art History
Beth	Chemistry

### Students

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Student_Name	Major	Sport			
Ravi	Art History	Soccer			
Ravi	Art History	Volleyball			
Ravi	Art History	Tennis			
Beth	Chemistry	Tennis			
Beth	Chemistry	Soccer			

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Student_Name	Major
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Beth	Chemistry	Tennis
Beth	Chemistry	Soccer

- Introduces anomalies poorly planned, un-normalised databases where all the data is stored in one table (a flat-file database)
- Major and Sport both are FD on Student\_Name, but are independent of each other.

## In Summary -

- Normalization is a process to reduce data redundancy.
- divides larger tables to smaller tables and links them using relationships.
- Easy to maintain data and increase design flexibility
- Properly normalized design shouldn't include derived fields and keep only the most meaningful data,
   e.g. age vs date of birth.

- A transitive dependency is when changing a nonkey column, might cause any of the other non-key columns to change
  - E.g. dept\_code → department\_name
  - Need to eliminate transitive dependency in 3NF

 Sometimes DB designers get carried away normalizing their databases. Normalizing is an iterative process, you may need to go back 1<sup>st</sup> normal form and reapply all 3 NFs.

## Let's work through some examples

- As you are designing a database, you must define your clients' DATA REQUIREMENTS
- During interviews, Clients often refer you to their existing reports, spreadsheets, screens, etc.
- So, let's think about FDs visible in this data
  - Think about Primary Keys
  - Determine which attributes are dependent on which primary keys

## Let's Normalize ...

Project Code	Project Title	Project Manager	Project Budget	Employee No.	Employee Name	Department No.	Department Name	Hourly Rate
PC010	Pensions System	M Phillips	24500	S10001	A Smith	L004	IT	22.00
PC010	Pensions System	M Phillips	24500	S10030	L Jones	L023	Pensions	18.50
PC010	Pensions System	M Phillips	24500	S21010	P Lewis	L004	IT	21.00
PC045	Salaries System	H Martin	17400	S10010	B Jones	L004	IT	21.75
PC045	Salaries System	H Martin	17400	S10001	A Smith	L004	IT	18.00
PC045	Salaries System	H Martin	17400	S31002	T Gilbert	L028	Database	25.50
PC045	Salaries System	H Martin	17400	S13210	W Richards	L008	Salary	17.00
PC064	HR System	KLewis	12250	S31002	T Gilbert	L028	Database	23.25
PC064	HR System	KLewis	12250	S21010	P Lewis	L004	IT	17.50
PC064	HR System	KLewis	12250	S10034	B James	L009	HR	16.50

#### Un-normalised Form:

Unormalised (project\_code, project\_title, Project\_manager, project\_budget, employee\_no, employee\_name, department\_no, department\_name, Hourly\_rate)

#### 1NF Tables: Repeating Attributes Removed

1NF: contains NO repeating groups.

If there are repeating groups they should be isolated to form a new entity.

```
project (project_code, project_title, project_manager, project_budget)
employee (Project_code, Employee_no, Employee_name, Department_no, Department_name, Hourly_rate)
```

#### 2NF Tables: Partial Key Dependencies Removed

2NF: is in 1NF and every non-key attribute is fully dependent in the key attribute.

i.e. contains only columns that are dependent on the whole (primary) key.

All non-key attributes not fully dependant on the key attribute should be isolated to form a new entity.

```
project (project_code, project_title, project_manager, project_budget)
project employee (project_code, employee_no, Hourly_rate)
employee (Employee_no, Employee_name, Department_no, Department_name)
```

#### 3NF Tables: Non-Key Dependencies Removed (transitive dependency)

3NF: is in 2NF and every non-key attribute is not dependent on any other non-key attribute.
i.e. all the non-key columns are dependent only on the primary key.
All non-key attributes dependent on other non-key attributes should be isolated to form a new entity.
i.e transitive dependency (value of a non-key column is dependent on the value of another non-key column)

```
project (<u>project_code</u>, project_title, project_manager, project_budget)
project employee (<u>project_code</u>, <u>employee_no</u>, Hourly_rate)
employee (<u>Employee_no</u>, Employee_name, Department_No)
Department (<u>Department_no</u>, <u>Department_name</u>)
```

### Let's put these into tabular form:

- Identify entity names by highlighting them in yellow color.
- Identify the Primary Keys by highlighting them in a different color other than yellow

UNNORMALIZED	FIRST NORMAL FORM	SECOND NORMAL FORM	THIRD NORMAL FORM

## Another example:

- Imagine you are a consultant hired to design a database for a furniture manufacturer
- In defining requirements, you were given a sample customer invoice document
- Your task is to NORMALIZE this data

### **EZ Chair Company**

Armrest, Massachusetts

#### **Customer Order**

Order Number:	0013825	Customer Number:	001390
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Order Date: 01/12/2014 Customer: Acme Furniture Company

Delivery Date: 02/01/2014 Contact: Ed Schwarz

Type: Retail

Customer Discount: 7.5% Bill To: 31 East Essex St.

Discount Amount: \$292.07 Boston, MA 02043

Invoiced Amount: \$3602.14 Ship To: (same)

Product Number	Description	QTY Ordered	Unit Price	Total
5892	Straight Back Oak Chair	10	\$34.67	\$346.70
4185	Cane Seat Chair – Pine	85	\$20.10	\$1,708.50
0239	MicroFiber Deluxe Sofa	12	\$153.25	\$1,839.00
			TOTAL	\$3,894.20

# Normalization

## Steps:

- List all entities and attributes in UNNORMALIZED form
- Then, put the data into First, Second, Third normal forms, following the rules:

# Normalization Step-by-Step

- First Normal Form
  - Break out any multi-valued/repeating values and/or any values requiring a specific sequence
- Second Normal Form
  - Only for entities with concatenated keys: identify and break out any attributes dependent on a part of the concatenated key
- Third Normal Form
  - Identify and break out any attributes that are dependent on any other non-key attributes

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## Normalization Video

This video is from a prior database class at another university. In this video, the instructor demonstrates the technique used to put data into First, Second and Third normal forms. In this video, the instructor refers to "Lab # 2" at the end. You can ignore this reference to Lab # 2. That was for the other students at the other university.

https://youtu.be/eDIzmCNxTDI

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#### **UNNORMALIZED**

#### **Customer Order**

Order Number

Order Date

**Delivery Date** 

**Customer Discount** 

discount amount

invoiced amount

customer number

customer name

Contact

ContactType

bill to address

bill to city

bill to state

bill to zip

ship to address

ship to city

ship to state

ship to zip

**Product Number** 

Description

quantity ordered

unit price

order total

**Un-Normalized** 

Repeating/Multi-valued

#### **UNNORMALIZED**

#### **Customer Order**

Order Number

Order Date

**Delivery Date** 

**Customer Discount** 

discount amount

invoiced amount

customer number

customer name

Contact

ContactType

bill to address

bill to city

bill to state

bill to zip

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ship to city

ship to state

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**Product Number** 

Description

quantity ordered

unit price

order total

### FIRST NORMAL FORM Customer Order

Order Number

Order Date

**Delivery Date** 

Customer Discount

discount amount

invoiced amount

customer number

customer name

Contact

ContactType

bill to address

bill to city

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Product Number

Product Description

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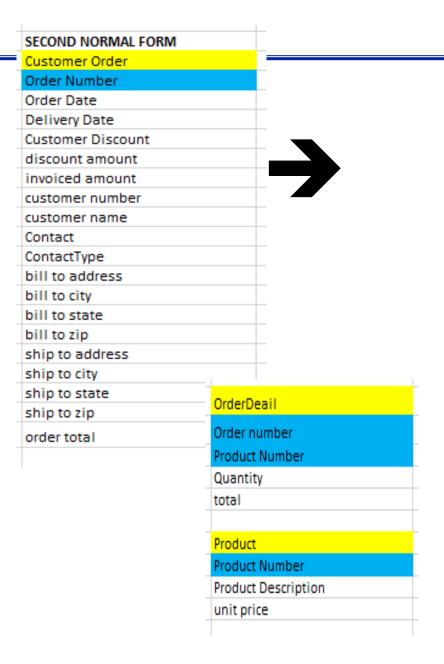
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### **SECOND NORMAL FORM**

### THIRD NORMAL FORM

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