USERS

Attribute	Symbol
UserID	А
FullName	В
Gender	С
Email	D
PasswordHash	Е
PhoneNumber	F
UserRole	G
ProfilePic	Н
CreatedAt	I

Functional Dependencies:

- 1. $A \rightarrow B$, C, D, E, F, G, H, I
- 2. D → A (Email is unique)

Candidate Key(s):

- A (UserID surrogate primary key)
- D (Email unique constraint)

Normalization:

- 1NF: Yes all attributes are atomic
- 2NF: Yes PK is A, all non-prime attributes fully dependent on A
- 3NF: Yes no transitive dependency (D → A is fine because D is a candidate key)
- BCNF: Yes every determinant (A, D) is a candidate key

CATEGORIES

Attribute	Symbol
CategoryID	А
CategoryName	В

Functional Dependencies:

- $\bullet \quad \mathsf{A} \to \mathsf{B}$
- $B \rightarrow A$ (CategoryName is unique)

Candidate Key(s):

- A (CategoryID surrogate primary key)
- B (CategoryName unique constraint)

Normalization:

- 1NF: Yes
- 2NF: Yes single-attribute key
- 3NF: Yes no transitive dependencies
- BCNF: Yes all determinants are candidate keys

ITEMS

Attribute	Symbol

ItemID	А
UserID (FK)	В
Title	С
Description	D
CategoryID (FK)	Е
ItemLocation	F
DateReported	G
ImageURL	Н
ClaimedBy	I

- $A \rightarrow B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I$
- B, C, G → A (a user reporting an item with the same title on the same day likely identifies the item)

Candidate Key(s):

- A (ItemID surrogate primary key)
- (B, C, G) (UserID + Title + DateReported assumed uniqueness)

Normalization:

- 1NF: Yes all attributes are atomic
- 2NF: Yes A is a full key, all attributes fully depend on it; and (B, C, G) is also a full key therefore, no partial dependencies
- 3NF: Yes all non-prime attributes depend only on candidate keys, so no transitive dependency
- BCNF: Yes all determinants (A, and B, C, G) are candidate keys

CLAIMS

Attribute	Symbol
ClaimID	A
ItemID (FK)	В
UserID (FK)	С
ClaimDetails	D
ClaimStatus	Е
CreatedAt	F

Functional Dependencies:

- $A \rightarrow B, C, D, E, F$
- B, $C \rightarrow A$ (a user can only claim the same item once)

Candidate Key(s):

- A (ClaimID surrogate primary key)
- B, C (a user can only claim the same item once so it is a candidate key)

Normalization:

- 1NF: Yes
- 2NF: Yes A is the PK, all attributes fully depend on A
- 3NF: Yes no transitive dependencies
- BCNF: Yes both A and (B, C) are candidate keys

NOTIFICATIONS

Attribute	Symbol
NotificationID	A
UserID (FK)	В
ItemID (FK)	С
Message	D
CreatedAt	Е

• $A \rightarrow B, C, D, E$

Candidate Key(s):

• A (NotificationID — surrogate primary key)

Normalization:

• 1NF: Yes

• 2NF: Yes

• 3NF: Yes

• BCNF: Yes — A is the only determinant and a candidate key

FLAGS

Symbol	Attribute
А	FlagID
В	ItemID (FK)
С	ReportedBy

D	Status
E	CreatedAt

- $A \rightarrow B, C, D, E$
- ullet B, C ightarrow A (a user reports an item only once)

Candidate Key(s):

- A (FlagID surrogate primary key)
- B, C (a user reports only once so it is a candidate key)

Normalization:

- 1NF: Yes
- 2NF: Yes
- 3NF: Yes
- BCNF: Yes both A and (B, C) are candidate keys

COMMUNITY VERIFICATION

Attribute	Symbol
VerificationID	А
ClaimID (FK)	В
UserID (FK)	С
VoteType	D
CreatedAt	E

- $A \rightarrow B, C, D, E$
- B, C → D, E (enforced by UNIQUE(ClaimID, UserID))

Candidate Key(s):

- A (VerificationID surrogate primary key)
- (B, C) (enforced via UNIQUE(ClaimID, UserID))

Normalization:

1NF: Yes — all attributes are atomic

2NF: Yes — PK is A, all non-prime attributes fully dependent on A

3NF: Yes — no transitive dependency (B, C \rightarrow D, E is fine because B, C is a candidate key)

BCNF: Yes — every determinant (A and B, C) is a candidate key

MESSAGES

Attribute	Symbol
MessageID	А
SenderID	В
ReceiverID	С
PostID	D
MessageText	E
CreatedAt	F

Functional Dependencies:

 $\bullet \quad A \to B,\,C,\,D,\,E,\,F$

Candidate Key(s):

• A (MessageID — surrogate primary key)

Normalization:

• 1NF: Yes

• 2NF: Yes

• 3NF: Yes

• BCNF: Yes — A is the only determinant and a candidate key