

Foreign Keys and Query Structure

CMPSC 305 – Database Systems



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Simple PRIMARY KEY constraint demo

Spot the integrity constraint's influence

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS company;  
CREATE TABLE company(  
    ID INT PRIMARY KEY NOT NULL,  
    NAME TEXT NOT NULL,  
    AGE INT NOT NULL ,  
    ADDRESS CHAR,  
    SALARY REAL DEFAULT 50000.00 );
```

PRIMARY KEY

Simple PRIMARY KEY constraint demo

```
/*Good insert command: complete tuple allowed*/  
INSERT INTO COMPANY  
VALUES (221, "Sherlock", 25, "10, Rue du fleur",100000);
```

```
sqlite> select * from company;  
221|Sherlock|25|10, Rue du fleur|100000.0
```

Key not unique failure

```
/* Try to reinsert same values again.*/  
INSERT INTO COMPANY  
VALUES (221, "Sherlock", 25, "10, Rue du fleur",100000);
```

What are the types of keys in databases?



- **Primary Keys:**
 - Ensures uniqueness in a table.
 - All entries in an attribute-primary never repeat
 - Is a unique identifier (i.e., social security number, telephone number, etc)

What are the types of keys in databases?



- **Foreign Keys:**
 - A constraint to enforce the relationships between tables.
 - Create a reference to specific information from another table.
 - Foreign key constraints allow checking the referential integrity between tables.
 - Only values that are supposed to appear in a particular table are permitted

Primary and Foreign Keys in Two Tables

EMPLOYEES

Primary Key



SSsecurityNo	Employee No	First Name	Last Name	DateOfBirth	Date Employed
AF-23432334	1	Manny	Tomanny	12 Apr 1966	01 May 1999
DQ-65444444	2	Rosanne	Kolumns	21 Mar 1977	01 Jan 2000
GF-54354543	3	Cas	Kade	01 May 1977	01 Apr 2002
JK-34333432	4	Norma	Lyzation	03 Apr 1966	01 Apr 2002
VB-48565444	5	Juan	Tomani	12 Apr 1966	01 Apr 2002
FG-23566553	6	Del	Eats	01 May 1967	01 May 2004

"Employee No"

Unique Column Acting as a Foreign Key In "Orders"

Foreign Key

ORDERS

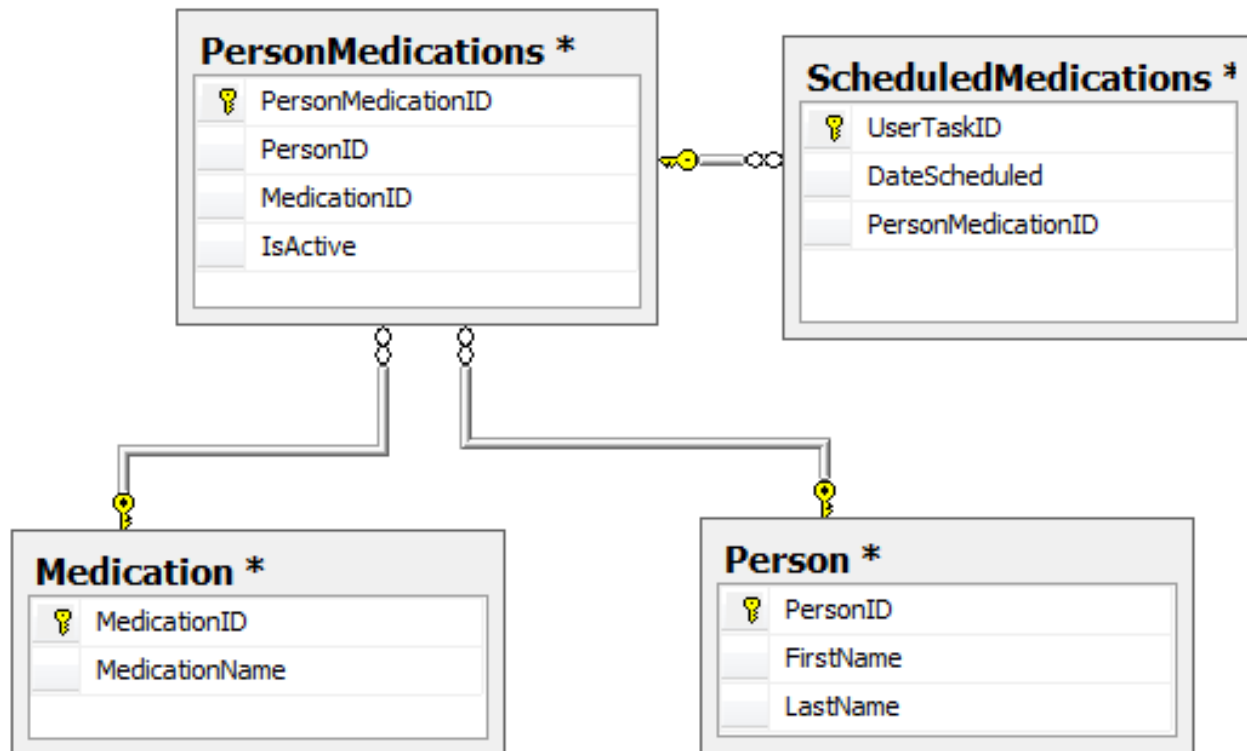
Primary Key



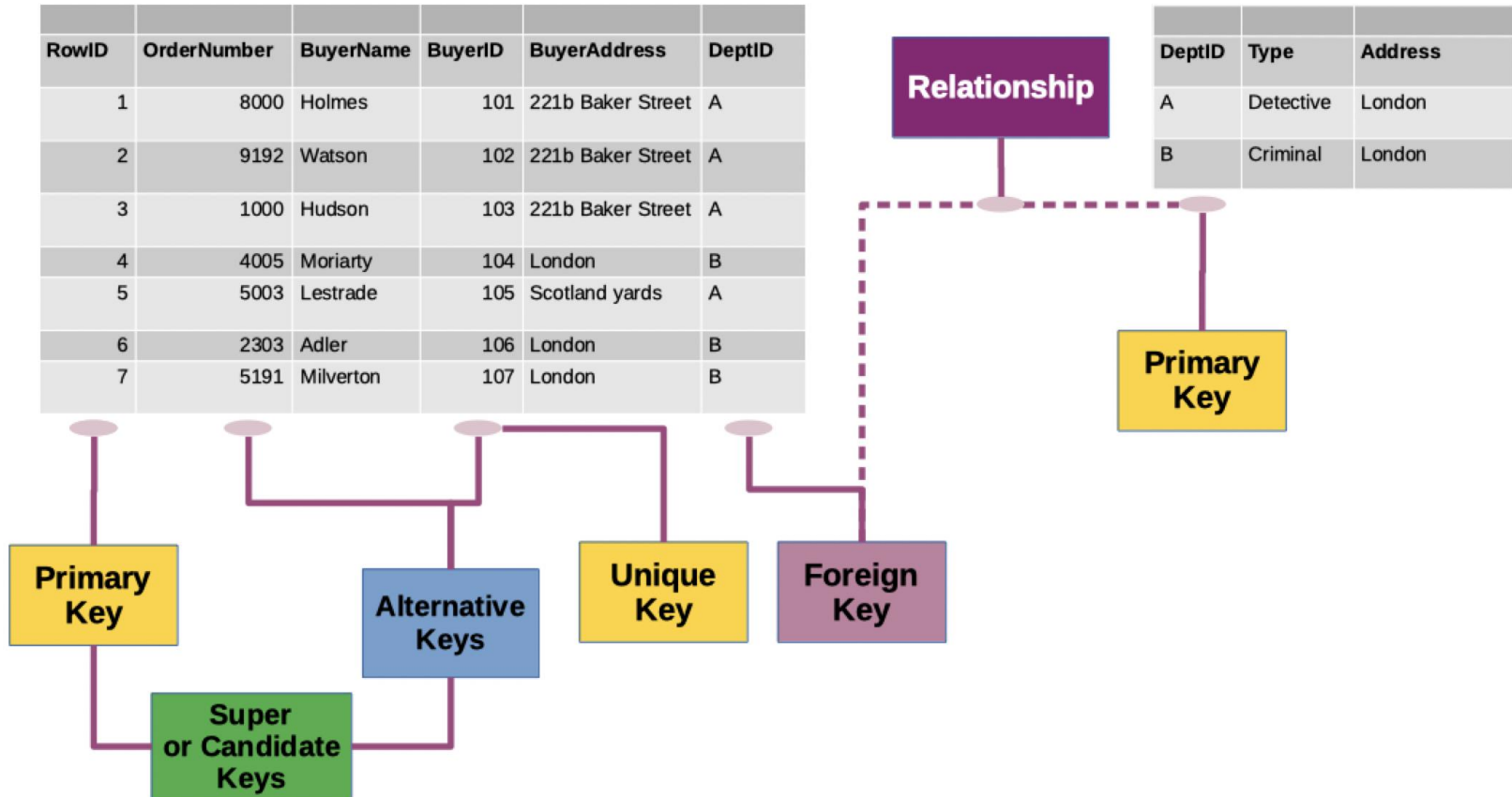
OrderNo	EmployeeNo	CustomerNo	Supplier	Price	Item
1	1	42	Harrison	\$235	Desk
2	4	1	Ford	\$234	Chair
3	1	68	Harrison	\$415	Table

Another Example of the Keys

Primary keys indicated by a key icon



Yet Another Example of the Keys!



The Theory of Foreign Keys



- Unless you have already made a reservation in restaurant, you cannot book a table
- If you have not already booked a hotel room in advance, you cannot get a room

Foreign Keys

Code in `sandbox/foreignKeyDemo.txt`

Foreign Keys

- A foreign key is a way to enforce referential integrity within your SQLite database. A foreign key means that values in one table must also appear in another table. The referenced table is called the **parent** table while the table with the foreign key is called the **child** table
- An enforced relationship between two tables.
- Information cannot be added unless it behaves according to the established relationship between two or more tables.

Add a primary key

```
/* Enable foreign keys */  
/* Turn off maintenance of foreign */  
/* key constraints to allow table alterations. */
```

```
PRAGMA foreign_keys = OFF;
```

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS Cars;  
CREATE TABLE Cars (  
  carMake VARCHAR PRIMARY KEY,  
  registration VARCHAR,  
  capacity INT,  
  topSpeed INT );
```

The attribute **carMake** ensures uniqueness for a forced relationship from **Agents.vehicleMake**

Now, add a foreign key

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS Agents;
```

```
CREATE TABLE Agents (  
    id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    lastName VARCHAR,  
    vehicleMake VARCHAR,  
    worksFor VARCHAR,  
    FOREIGN KEY(vehicleMake) REFERENCES Cars(carMake) );
```

```
/* Turn on maintenance of foreign key constraints */  
PRAGMA foreign_keys = ON;
```

The attribute **vehicleMake** associates this table to **Cars.carMake**

Populate Cars.carMake → AstonMartin

First, handle the primary key of the Cars table

We add the vehicle brand AstonMartin to **Cars.carMake**

```
INSERT INTO Cars values ('AstonMartin', 'MI6', 2, 130);
```

Now, populate the Agents table

Since the carMake attribute is “registered” we can add associated data

```
INSERT INTO Agents values (1007, 'Bond', 'AstonMartin', 'MI6');  
INSERT INTO Agents values (1008, 'Wayne', 'AstonMartin', 'MI6');  
INSERT INTO Agents values (1009, 'Smith', 'AstonMartin', 'MI6');  
INSERT INTO Agents values (1010, 'Jones', 'AstonMartin', 'MI6');  
INSERT INTO Agents values (1011, 'Nicholson', 'AstonMartin', 'MI6');  
INSERT INTO Agents values (1012, 'Luxon', 'AstonMartin', 'MI6');  
INSERT INTO Agents values (1013, 'Churchill', 'AstonMartin', 'MI6');
```

```
SELECT * FROM Cars;  
SELECT * FROM Agents;
```

Populate Cars.carMake → Buick

First, handle the primary key of the Cars table

We add the vehicle brand Buick to **Cars.carMake**

...

Now, populate the Agents table again

If we add a carMake attribute is not “registered” then we get an error!

```
/* Error! Oh no! */
```

```
INSERT INTO Agents values(2008, 'Billy', 'Buick', 'MI6');
```

```
/* Error: need to first add "Buick" to the Cars table! */
```

Only AstonMartin drivers here ...

```
SELECT * FROM Cars;
```

```
SELECT * FROM Agents;
```

Populate Cars.carMake → Buick

First, handle the primary key of the Cars table

We add the vehicle brand Buick to **Cars.carMake**

```
INSERT INTO Cars values ('Buick', 'MI6', 5, 60);
```

Now, populate the Agents table

Since the carMake attribute is “registered” we can add associated data

```
INSERT INTO Agents values (2008, 'Billy', 'Buick', 'MI6');  
INSERT INTO Agents values (2011, 'E-jay', 'Buick', 'MI6');  
INSERT INTO Agents values (2012, 'Brick', 'Buick', 'MI6');  
INSERT INTO Agents values (2013, 'Wedge', 'Buick', 'MI6');  
INSERT INTO Agents values (2014, 'Orville', 'Buick', 'MI6');  
INSERT INTO Agents values (2015, 'Lester', 'Buick', 'MI6');  
INSERT INTO Agents values (2016, 'Wilbur', 'Buick', 'MI6');  
INSERT INTO Agents values (2017, 'Rufus', 'Buick', 'MI6');
```

```
SELECT * FROM Cars;  
SELECT * FROM Agents;
```

Populate Cars.carMake → Buick

First, handle the primary key of the Cars table

We write a query where we link **Cars.carMake** to **Agents.vehicleMake**

```
SELECT
    Agents.id, Agents.lastname, Cars.carMake, Agents.vehicleMake
FROM
    Cars, Agents
WHERE
    Cars.carMake == Agents.vehicleMake;
```

```
1007|Bond|AstonMartin|AstonMartin
1008|Wayne|AstonMartin|AstonMartin
1009|Smith|AstonMartin|AstonMartin
1010|Jones|AstonMartin|AstonMartin
1011|Luxon|AstonMartin|AstonMartin
2008|Billy|Buick|Buick
2011|E-jay|Buick|Buick
2012|Brick|Buick|Buick
2013|Wedge|Buick|Buick
2014|Orville|Buick|Buick
2015|Lester|Buick|Buick
2016|Wilbur|Buick|Buick
2017|Rufus|Buick|Buick
```


Consider this



THINK

- Can you create a similar base where a foreign key governs the data of another table?
- Can you write a query to show how the foreign key works?