

## Transition from 3NF to BCNF:

### Overview of BCNF:

To transition a schema from **3NF** to **BCNF** (Boyce-Codd Normal Form), we must ensure that for every functional dependency in a table, the left-hand side of the dependency (the determinant) is a **superkey**. A **superkey** is any set of attributes that can uniquely identify a record in a table.

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### 1. Identification of BCNF Violations:

In our schema, after achieving **3NF**, the next step is to verify if all functional dependencies have **superkeys** on the left-hand side. A table is in **BCNF** if and only if for every non-trivial functional dependency, the determinant is a superkey.

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### Step-by-Step Analysis:

#### 1. User Table:

- **Primary Key:** user\_id
- Functional dependencies:
  - user\_id → (first\_name, last\_name, age, role, email)
- Since user\_id is the primary key, this table satisfies **BCNF**.

#### 2. College Table:

- **Primary Key:** college\_id
- Functional dependencies:
  - college\_id → (name, location)
- Since college\_id is the primary key, this table satisfies **BCNF**.

#### 3. Super\_Admin Table:

- **Primary Key:** admin\_id
- Functional dependencies:
  - admin\_id → (first\_name, last\_name, email, password, designation, college\_id)
- Since admin\_id is the primary key, this table satisfies **BCNF**.

#### 4. Club Table:

- **Primary Key:** club\_id
- Functional dependencies:
  - club\_id → (name, email, category, secretary\_id, college\_id)
  - secretary\_id → secretary\_name (However, this dependency was resolved in 3NF by removing the secretary\_name column from the Club table.)

- As the remaining dependencies in the table are on the primary key (`club_id`) and foreign keys referencing other tables, this table satisfies **BCNF**.

#### 5. Event Table:

- **Primary Key:** `event_id`
- Functional dependencies:
  - `event_id` → (`name`, `type_of_event`, `date`, `location`, `status`, `organised_BY`, `max_num_of_participants`)
  - `organised_BY` → (`club_id`) (via foreign key `organised_BY` referencing `Club(club_id)`)
- Since `event_id` is the primary key, this table satisfies **BCNF**.

#### 6. Competition Table:

- **Primary Key:** `comp_id`
- Functional dependency:
  - `comp_id` → (`name`, `type_of_comp`, `date`, `venue`, `event_id`)
- Since `comp_id` is the primary key, this table satisfies **BCNF**.

#### 7. Transaction Table:

- **Primary Key:** `trans_id`
- Functional dependency:
  - `trans_id` → (`amount`, `description`, `trans_type`, `transferred_to`)
  - `transferred_to` → (`club_id`) (via foreign key `transferred_to` referencing `Club(club_id)`)
- Since `trans_id` is the primary key, this table satisfies **BCNF**.

#### 8. Registers Table:

- **Primary Key:** `reg_id`
- Functional dependencies:
  - `reg_id` → (`user_id`, `event_id`)
  - `user_id` → `user_details` (since we know user details are already in the User table, this is not problematic.)
- Since `reg_id` is the primary key, this table satisfies **BCNF**.

#### 9. Requests\_Approval Table:

- **Primary Key:** `request_id`
- Functional dependencies:
  - `request_id` → (`club_id`, `source`, `status`, `approved_by`, `rejected_by`)
- Since `request_id` is the primary key, this table satisfies **BCNF**.

#### 10. Feedback Table:

- **Primary Key:** `feedback_id`
  - Functional dependency:
    - `feedback_id` → (`event_id`, `user_id`, `time`, `rating`, `comment`)
  - Since `feedback_id` is the primary key, this table satisfies **BCNF**.
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**Conclusion:**

After analyzing all the tables in the schema, we see that **all of them satisfy BCNF**. There are no violations where a non-superkey determines other attributes. Hence, the schema is already in **BCNF**.