CSC 365-07: Introduction to Database Systems

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Lecture 1: Database and DBMS

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# Introduction

Definition of a database and DBMS in Professor Notes.

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### Lecture 2: Relational Data Model

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### Relational Data Model

**Definition 1** Relational data model is an approach to organizing collections of data

- Relation
  - Relational Table  $\longrightarrow$  Name + Schema
    - \* Schema: List of attribute name + attribute type pairs
- ullet Relational Database  $\longrightarrow$  Collection of Relations tables
- Table Instance: set of records with instantiated values of the attributes
  - Finite
  - Records, rows, tuples

One unit of data is called a datum.

Object, entity, event: description of one object, entity, event

- Records consist of attributes or fields (rows in the table).
- Attributes is a named container for a value of a specific type.

#### **Database Table Constraint**

**Definition 2** Limitations of table instances

- Candidate Key: set or lists of attributes that uniquely define a record in a table, minimal such set of attributes, made up of multiple attributes sometimes.
  - Every attribute is necessary.

# Examples

#### CSC 365 Example

Course Object:

 $\bullet$  Prefix: CSC  $\longrightarrow$  **String** 

• Course #:  $365 \longrightarrow Integer$ 

 $\bullet$  Name: Introduction to Database Systems  $\longrightarrow$  String

• Description: Basic Principles, ...  $\longrightarrow$  **String** 

• Units:  $4 \longrightarrow \mathbf{Integer}$ 

### Department Object:

• Name: Computer Science and Software Engineering

• Abbreviation: CSSE

• Building: 14

• Room: 245

• College: CENG

Stringing these objects together based on relationship would make a **network model**.

### Schema Example

Course(Prefix String, Course# Integer, Name String, Description String, Units Integer)

Prefix	Course#	Name	Description	Units
CSC	365	Introduction to Database Systems	Basic Principles,	4
CSC	357	Systems Programming		4

Department(Name, College, Building, Room): Department would also have a table as well.

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Lecture 3: RDM Cont. and SQL DDL and DML

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What makes a record unique?

• Superkey: any set of attributes that uniquely defines a record in a table

• Primary Key: candidate key chosen by you