#### ****Introduction to Normalization****

* **Definition**: Normalization is the process of designing a database effectively to avoid **data redundancy**.
* **Goal**: Eliminate anomalies (Insertion, Deletion, and Updation anomalies) caused by redundant data.

#### ****Data Redundancy****

* **Meaning**: Refers to the duplication of data within a database.
  + **Example 1**: Duplicate rows in a table.
  + **Example 2**: Repeated column values across records, even if the rows are unique.
* **Solution**: Proper normalization organizes data to minimize redundancy.

#### ****Designing a Database****

* Databases are collections of **tables** that store data.
* **Design process**:
  + Break down data into multiple tables.
  + Establish relationships between tables using **keys** (Primary Keys, Foreign Keys).

#### ****Levels of Normalization****

* **Process**: Follow step-by-step rules (normal forms) to normalize data.
* **Normal Forms (NFs)**:
  + **1NF (First Normal Form)**: Each column must have atomic values (no multiple values in a single column).
  + **2NF (Second Normal Form)**: Build on 1NF; non-key columns must depend fully on the primary key.
  + **3NF (Third Normal Form)**: Build on 2NF; eliminate transitive dependencies.
  + Additional levels: **4NF, BCNF, 5NF, 6NF**, etc., though rarely used in practice.
* **Practical Standard**: Most companies normalize to **3NF**.

#### ****Dataset Overview (Example)****

* **Sample Dataset**: A denormalized **sales order dataset**.
  + Columns: Order Number, Quantity, Price, Total Cost, Order Date, Status, Product Code, Product Name, Product Price, Customer Info, Sales Agent Info, Deal Size.
  + Observations: All data bundled into a single table, leading to redundancy.

### ****First Normal Form (1NF)****

* **Rules**:
  1. Each column must have a **single value**.
  2. Each row must be **unique** (not necessarily a primary key).
* **Steps for 1NF**:
  1. Identify columns with multiple values and split them into individual rows.
  2. Ensure all rows are unique (combine columns if needed to create a composite key).
* **Example**:
  1. Split rows with multiple product codes or names into separate rows.
  2. Combine Order Number and Product Code as a **composite key** to ensure uniqueness.

### ****Second Normal Form (2NF)****

* **Prerequisites**: Data must already satisfy **1NF**.
* **Rules**:
  1. All non-key attributes must be **fully dependent** on the **candidate key**.
  2. No partial dependencies (non-key columns depending on part of a composite key).
* **Steps for 2NF**:
  1. Identify **candidate keys** (columns or combinations uniquely identifying records).
  2. Split data into **separate tables** for attributes with partial dependencies.
* **Example**:
  1. Split product details (dependent only on Product Code) into a **Products Table**.
  2. Separate customer details (independent of orders) into a **Customers Table**.
  3. Keep Order Number and related details in an **Orders Table**.

#### ****Outcome After 2NF****

* Data is organized into:
  1. **Orders Table** (Order-specific details).
  2. **Products Table** (Product-specific details).
  3. **Customers Table** (Customer-specific details).
  4. Optional **Relationships Table** to link orders, products, and customers.

**PART-2**

### Normalization in SQL - Part 2

#### ****Second Normal Form (2NF) - Continued****

#### ****Creating Relationships****

* After splitting the dataset into tables in **2NF**, we need to create **relationships** between these tables:
  + **Primary Keys**: Unique identifiers for each table.
  + **Foreign Keys**: Columns that reference primary keys in other tables, establishing relationships.
* **Example**:
  + In the **Orders Table**, we have Order ID as a primary key.
  + In the **Products Table**, we have Product Code as a primary key.
  + In the **Customers Table**, Customer ID is the primary key.
  + We create a **Relationships Table** to link Order ID, Product Code, and Customer ID.

#### ****Third Normal Form (3NF)****

* **Prerequisite**: The dataset must already satisfy **2NF**.
* **Rule**: Eliminate **transitive dependencies**:
  + A column that is **indirectly** dependent on the primary key should be moved to another table.
* **Transitive Dependency Example**:
  + If Customer Name determines Sales Agent, and Sales Agent determines Deal Size, then Customer Name indirectly determines Deal Size, which is a transitive dependency.
* **Steps for 3NF**:
  + Identify any transitive dependencies.
  + Move the dependent columns to a separate table.
* **Example**:
  + In the **Orders Table**, remove the Sales Agent information since it depends on the order, not directly on the product or customer.
  + Create an **Employees Table** for sales agents and link it to the **Orders Table** through a foreign key.

#### ****Final Structure after 3NF****

* After normalization to **3NF**, the final dataset looks like this:
  1. **Orders Table**: Contains order details, with a Primary Key (Order ID).
  2. **Products Table**: Contains product details, with a Primary Key (Product Code).
  3. **Customers Table**: Contains customer details, with a Primary Key (Customer ID).
  4. **Employees Table**: Contains sales agent details, with a Primary Key (Employee ID).
  5. **Relationships Table**: Links Order ID, Product Code, and Customer ID, and now includes Employee ID for the sales agent.

#### ****Anomalies in a Denormalized Dataset****

##### ****1. Insertion Anomaly****

* **Problem**: When adding new records, you may be forced to insert redundant data. For example, if a new customer places an order, their details will need to be repeated in every order they make.
* **Solution**: In a normalized database, you only insert the customer once into the **Customers Table**, avoiding redundancy in the **Orders Table**.

##### ****2. Deletion Anomaly****

* **Problem**: Deleting a record can unintentionally remove valuable data. For example, deleting an order may also remove customer or product information that shouldn't be deleted.
* **Solution**: In a normalized database, deleting an order in the **Orders Table** won't affect customer or product data, as these are stored in separate tables.

##### ****3. Update Anomaly****

* **Problem**: Updating data in multiple places can be error-prone. For example, if a product's price changes, it may need to be updated in every order where the product appears.
* **Solution**: In a normalized database, you only update the product price in the **Products Table**, ensuring consistency without needing to update multiple records in the **Orders Table**.

#### ****Key Benefits of Normalization****

* **Eliminates Redundancy**: Reduces unnecessary duplication of data.
* **Improves Data Integrity**: By minimizing data duplication, there’s less risk of inconsistencies.
* **Efficiency**: Makes updates, deletions, and insertions more efficient and accurate.

**Additional Information:**

what is the purpose of having relations table separately is it common practice I usually see people using foreign key in the necessary table itself why this relationship tables is needed.

###### ChatGPT said:

You're correct that it's more common to see **foreign keys** directly in the necessary tables, and often, **relationship tables** aren't always needed. However, a **relationship table** is typically used in specific situations where a **many-to-many relationship** exists between two tables. Let's break down the purposes and when it's used:

### ****Why Use a Relationship Table?****

A **relationship table** is used in these cases:

1. **Many-to-Many Relationships**:
   * **Example**: A customer can place multiple orders, and an order can have multiple products. A simple foreign key in either the Orders or Products table wouldn't be sufficient because each order can have multiple products, and each product can appear in multiple orders.
   * **Solution**: You create a **relationship table** (often called a **junction table** or **join table**) that links the two tables by holding foreign keys from both. For example, Order\_Product table would have Order ID and Product Code as foreign keys, each referring to the primary keys of the Orders and Products tables.
2. **Simplifies Many-to-Many Data Modeling**:
   * Instead of adding multiple foreign keys to one table or having repetitive columns (like lists of products in an order), a relationship table makes the structure cleaner and more scalable.

### ****When to Use Foreign Keys Directly?****

In most cases, **one-to-many relationships** can be handled by placing a **foreign key** in the child table:

* **Example**: An Order has one Customer, so the Orders table would have a CustomerID foreign key directly referencing the Customers table.
* **Example**: A Product can be linked to an Order through a foreign key, but if the relationship is **one-to-many**, the foreign key can be placed directly in the Orders table (or in a Products table if needed).

### ****When Relationship Tables Are Not Needed****

If you're working with **one-to-many** or **one-to-one relationships**, it's perfectly fine to use **foreign keys** directly in the necessary table.

* **For example**:
  + **Customer-Order relationship**: The Orders table would have a CustomerID foreign key.
  + **Order-Employee relationship**: The Orders table would have an EmployeeID foreign key for the sales agent.

### ****Conclusion****

* **Relationship tables** are necessary primarily for **many-to-many** relationships, as they help avoid data redundancy and ensure scalability in the database.
* For **one-to-many** or **one-to-one** relationships, **foreign keys** in the necessary tables are the standard approach and are sufficient.

So, it's common to see **foreign keys** in the relevant tables, but **relationship tables** are a standard practice when dealing with **complex relationships** like many-to-many, especially in normalized databases.

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##### You said:

what is an entity means

###### ChatGPT said:

An **entity** in the context of databases and data modeling refers to any object, thing, or concept that is distinguishable and has a set of characteristics or attributes that can be stored in a database.

### ****Key Points About Entities:****

1. **Real-world Objects**: An entity represents a real-world object or concept that you want to store information about. For example, in a **customer relationship management (CRM)** system:
   * A **Customer** is an entity.
   * An **Order** is also an entity.
2. **Attributes**: Entities have **attributes** or **properties** that define their characteristics. For example, a **Customer** entity might have attributes like CustomerID, Name, Email, PhoneNumber, etc.
3. **Entity Types**: An **entity type** is a collection of entities that share common attributes. For example, "Customers" could be an entity type, and the "Customer" is an instance of that type.
4. **Entity Sets**: A collection of similar entities is called an **entity set**. For example, all the customers in a database form a "Customer" entity set.

### ****Example of an Entity:****

* **Entity**: Customer
  + **Attributes**: CustomerID, FirstName, LastName, Email, PhoneNumber
* **Entity**: Order
  + **Attributes**: OrderID, OrderDate, TotalAmount, CustomerID (foreign key)

In this example, **Customer** and **Order** are both entities, each with its own set of attributes. The **CustomerID** in the **Order** entity links it to the **Customer** entity, creating a relationship between the two.

### ****Summary****:

An entity is a distinct, recognizable object or concept in the real world, represented in a database by a table with specific attributes.

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##### You said:

what is meant by schema

###### ChatGPT said:

A **schema** in the context of databases refers to the structure or blueprint that defines how data is organized and how the relationships between data elements are structured. It essentially represents the logical design of the database, including tables, columns, data types, constraints, and relationships between tables.

### ****Key Components of a Schema:****

1. **Tables**: Defines how data is stored in rows and columns. Each table represents an entity or a collection of similar entities.
2. **Columns**: Each table has columns, which define the attributes or characteristics of the entities.
3. **Relationships**: Defines how different tables are linked through **foreign keys** and **primary keys**.
4. **Constraints**: Rules that ensure data integrity, such as **NOT NULL**, **UNIQUE**, **CHECK**, **FOREIGN KEY**, and **PRIMARY KEY** constraints.
5. **Indexes**: Improve the performance of data retrieval operations by creating quick access paths to specific data.

### ****Types of Schemas:****

1. **Database Schema**: Refers to the entire structure of the database, including all tables, relationships, constraints, etc.
2. **Table Schema**: Refers to the structure of a specific table, including its columns, data types, and constraints.
3. **Logical Schema**: Represents the logical view of the database, focusing on how data is structured without considering how it's physically stored.
4. **Physical Schema**: Refers to the physical storage of the data, such as how the data is actually stored on disk or in memory.

### ****Example of a Database Schema:****

For a simple **Customer-Order** database:

* **Customers Table**: CustomerID, Name, Email, Phone
* **Orders Table**: OrderID, OrderDate, Amount, CustomerID (foreign key)

The schema defines how these tables are related and structured.

### ****Summary****:

A **schema** is the organizational framework of a database that defines the structure of the data, how it’s stored, and the relationships between different data elements.

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**Clarifying anomalies**

I'm focusing on providing a concise and clear explanation of what anomalies mean in the context of database normalization.

**Identifying anomalies**

Well, let me see. In the context of database normalization, anomalies are issues arising from improper data operations, classified into Insertion, Deletion, and Update anomalies.

**Classifying anomalies**

I’m thinking about the types of database anomalies: Insertion involves missing data for new entries, Deletion leads to loss when removing data, and Update causes inconsistencies across multiple data points.

**Anomalies** in database normalization are problems that occur in a poorly designed database due to data redundancy and improper organization. They are:

* **Insertion Anomaly**: Difficulties in adding new data because of missing or unnecessary information requirements.
* **Deletion Anomaly**: Unintended loss of valuable data when certain data is deleted.
* **Update Anomaly**: Inconsistencies that arise when data needs to be updated in multiple places but isn't updated uniformly.

These anomalies can lead to data inconsistencies and compromise data integrity. **Normalization** eliminates these issues by organizing data into well-structured tables, reducing redundancy, and ensuring that each piece of data is stored only once.