Lab 2

- 1. A primary key is a column or set number of columns that is designed to specifically identify all table records. One of its main feature is that it must have a unique value for each row of data. This differs from a candidate key which is a column or columns that can uniquely identity any database record without having to refer to any other data. Each candidate key can qualify as a primary key, but only one candidate key can be a primary key. There is also a super key, which is a combination of columns that uniquely identities any row within a relational database. A candidate key is closely related but differs in that the super key is reduced to the minimum number of columns required to identify each row.
- 2. A data type is a particular kind of data item that is defined by the values it can take, the program language used or by the operations that can be performed on it. The primitive data types that are supported by SQL systems are character strings, bit strings, Boolean attribute, integer types, floating-point numbers, and data and times. We can put these to use if we think about a topic in which we create a table. For instance, Xbox and how they keep track of everyone's username and Xbox. In this case they may have a table:

Name	Username	Console	Serial	email	Membership
			Number		Renewal:
Mark Miller	markyMARK0702	Xbox One	123456789	Mark.miller3@marist.edu	January 2,
					2018
Rob Lynch	Rml965	Xbox One	987654321	Robert.lynch1@marist.edu	February 7,
					2017
Betty	Bcrocker12	Xbox 360	192837546	BettyCrocker@goodfood.com	June 8, 2017
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In the name column its data type would be type string. The next column would also be a data type string. In the serial number column we would either have a datatype INT or CHAR() with a specified string length. This is because the serial number could either be a designated string of letters or integers. Then the next column would go back to a datatype CHAR() with a designated string length. The last column would be given a DATE and TIME data type. In this case all values will be not null. The only expectation may be a value withheld for the serial number in which we are not entitled to know that the value that belongs there. This may be true if someone other than a Xbox employee is looking at this or if safety measure are put into place where an employee must go through some other procedures to find the given serial number.

3. The "first normal form" rule states that the database contains only atomic values and that there are no repeating groups. For example if we were creating a database of what people from Mcdonalds, we could have a problem because some people may order more than one thing creating a discrepancy because a column contains multiple values for one attribute. This good because everything has one value and usually creates a spate table in order to make the rule work. The second rule is accessing the rule by content. Instead of asking to go to row 8 for instance you ask for the content that you are searching for to access the entire content of that tuple. This is good because rows may change over time and if you say something like access role 8, the data contained in there might have changed over time. The third and final rule stats that all rows must be unique. It means exactly what is says that each and every row must be unique. This is important as you this doesn't allow to be repeats of any data that is put in, which eliminates redundancy.







