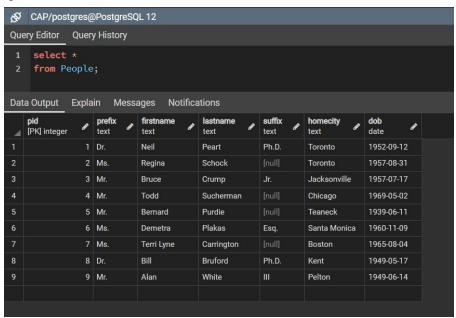
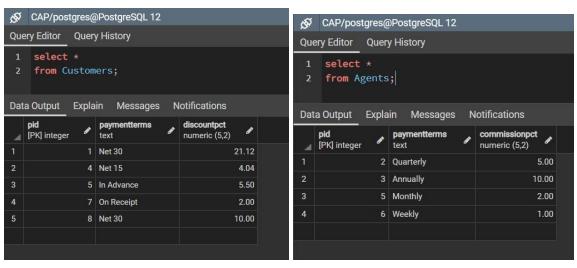
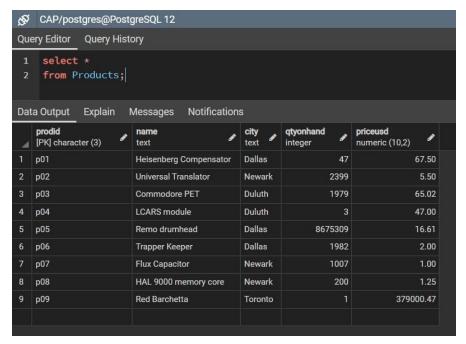
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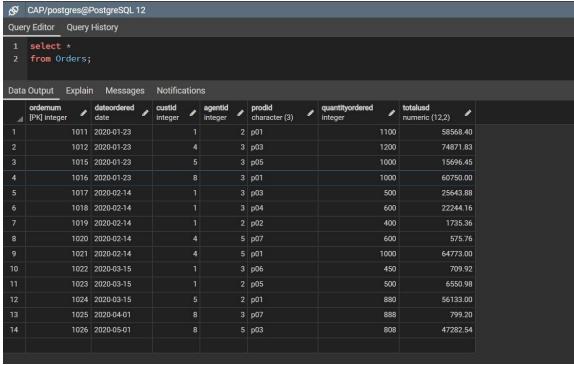
Lab #2: CAP Database

1) Queries for our CAP Database:









2) In a table, a <u>super key</u> is just any combination of columns that uniquely identify every row in a table. A <u>candidate key</u> is best described as a field/column (a "minimal superkey") in which every value is unique from one another. A good example would be the CWID numbers in Marist's database. Each student has a unique ID, and we can use that to distinguish each specific student because of the fact that no two students share the same one. Simply put, a <u>primary key</u> is just one of the candidate keys that we choose to

- uniquely identify a record. There can be multiple candidate keys, but ultimately only one primary key. I think Marist would rather choose CWID as the primary key over something like students' social security numbers (a more sensitive and secure value, yet still technically a candidate key).
- 3) Every table can have a variety of different data types. For example, let's make a table that identifies statistics for NBA players. The fields can be pid, firstName, lastName, suffix, dateOfBirth, position, team, and PPG. The first field, pid, will be an integer that represents a unique ID every individual player has. It is not nullable, as every player needs to have one. (This should also be the primary key). The next two fields, firstName & lastName, would be text that lists the first and last name of each player. They would not be nullable. However, the next field, suffix (text), is nullable as some players will have suffixes (Jr., Sr., III, etc.) while others will not. Assuming we are using postgreSQL, the next field, dateOfBirth, would be of type date, and is not nullable. Similar to first/last name, the field position (PG,SG,SF,PF,C) and team (Bucks, Lakers, Celtics, etc.) are both text. Every player needs a listed position (not nullable) but players can be free agents and technically not be assigned to a team (nullable). The PPG will be a decimal, as it will contain the values of every player's career average points per game (not nullable). You could go on and on with different statistical categories for players but the main point is that many different data types are used.

4) Analyzing the Relational Rules

- a) The "first normal form" rule: at any intersection of a row and column, each attribute can only contain a single value. That value has to be atomic, meaning they cannot be subdivided any further. This rule is important to eliminate redundancy and integrity within our data. For example, if we had a field named phoneNumbers and the entry read "555-123-4567, 777-135-246", we could still split it down further into columns (say cellNumbers and workNumbers).
- b) The "access rows by content only" rule: this rule says that we can only query data by what is there, and never by where it is. Thus, we can ask, "What is the address of the student with CWID 20123456?", but not something like "What is the birthday listed in the 3rd row?". This is important because there is no guarantee that tables will have the same order every time. Since tables are represented by sets, the order of the elements in them is not important. $\{a,b,c\} = \{b,c,a\}$
- c) The "all rows must be unique" rule: all rows must be distinct (hence no duplicates). This is crucial because of the same reason described in b). Tables have no intrinsic order, and if one were able to have two identical rows, you would have no way to tell them apart from one another. Also it just looks stupid to have to rows with the EXACT same information.