CS105 Lab 1:
Getting Settled
And
Database Fundamentals

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Lab 1 Objectives

• Get familiar with Piazza and WebSubmit

Quick review of databases

Work on some discussion problems

Lab 0

• Were there any issues with Lab 0?

- Make sure that you've:
 - Purchased the coursepack
 - Set up your CS account
 - Reviewed the Course Policies
 - Completed the student survey

Piazza

- is a place to ask and answer questions
 - You can post anonymously
 - You can decide if the whole class sees your post,
 or just the instructors
- Please just don't share too much information

Sign up during lab if you haven't already

WebSubmit

• is where you'll be submitting your homework

 Quick exercise in the lab just to get familiar with submission

• If you have any technical issues with WebSubmit please email: cs105-staff@cs.bu.edu

Not set up yet, should be soon!

Review - Terms

VIN	Make	Model
12345678	Ford	Mustang
87654321	Honda	Civic
11223344	Toyota	Corolla
44332211	Ford	Focus

Row / Tuple

Column / Attribute

Table / Relation

What is the schema for this table?

- Car(VIN, Make, Model)

What would a good primary key be?

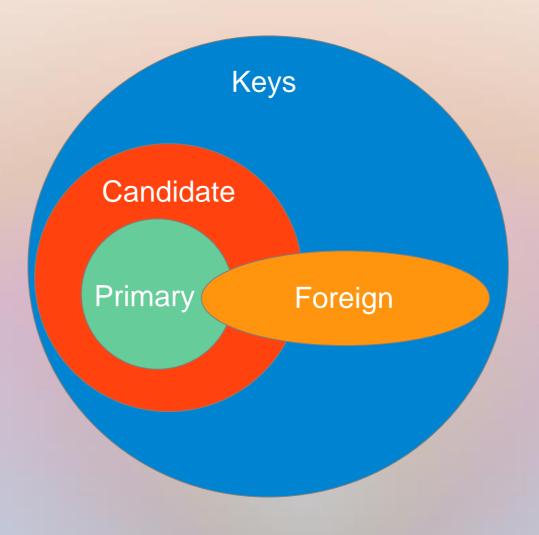
- VIN

Why?

Review - Keys

- Key one or more attributes (columns) that can be used to uniquely identify a row in a relation (table)
 - Candidate a minimal key
 - Primary a candidate key chosen for a specific table
 - Foreign the primary key of another table

Review - Keys



Relation Requirements

Uniqueness – no two rows may have the same value
 for a primary key VIN Make Model

VIN	Make	Model
123456	Ford	Mustang
123456	Honda	Civic

 Referential Integrity – All foreign keys must point to a valid primary key

Student ID	Name	Adviser ID	Advisor ID	Name
123456	Adam	11111	 11111	Larry
654987	Beth	22222	 22222	Mark
987654	Carl	77777	33333	Nancy

This Lab

- You can find the lab on my website:
 - cs-people.bu.edu/bborucki/labs_105.html
- Partner up and work on the lab
- Make sure your name gets on the attendance sheet
- Let me know if you have any questions!
- I'll be posting solutions in a couple days