

**The University of the West Indies  
Department of Computing**

**COMP3161 – Introduction to Database Management Systems**

**Assignment 2**

(To be completed by a group of up to 4 students for 10 coursework marks)

**Background**

Consider the following list of basic concepts:

- A. A student has an id, name, major, and a faculty
- B. A property has a volume and folio number, a location, and an estimated value
- C. A vehicle has a model, make, year, an estimated value, and a serial number.
- D. An inventory item has a stock code, unit by which it is sold, and a quantity on hand.
- E. A book can be either fiction, or non-fiction and has an author, publisher, and number of pages
- F. A receipt is given for payment on a specific invoice and has an amount, and a date of payment.
- G. A project activity has a start date, an end date, and a project manager.

**Assignment Tasks**

- a) Develop a set of requirements for a problem that is based on any one of the concepts listed above and draw an entity-relationship diagram (using the Chen notation) for the database solution to the problem. Your attempt will be graded as follows:
  - i. Statement of functionality [5 pts]
  - ii. Correct syntax (Chen notation strict) [5 pts]
  - iii. Appropriate use of a multivalued attribute or a derived attribute. [1 pt]
  - iv. Appropriate use of a weak entity [1 pt]
  - v. Appropriate use of inclusion of one to one relationship, or total participation in a relationship. [1 pt]
  - vi. Appropriate use of many to many relationships. [1 pt]

- vii. Neatness [1 pt]
- b) Convert the ERD in (a) to an equivalent relational schema. [10 pts]
- c) Identify candidate keys for each relation in (b) [10 pts]
- d) Discuss the highest normal form that is satisfied by each relation in (b). [10 pts]
- e) Formulate up to ten (10) CRUD queries on the relational schema that you have developed. Express the queries in **Relational Algebra** and **SQL**: Your responses will be marked for correctness). The queries must include:
- i. Two operations that create data [2 pts]
  - ii. Two operations that retrieve data [2 pts]
  - iii. Two operations that update data [2 pts]
  - iv. Two operations that delete data [2pts]
  - v. Two operations of your choice [2 pts]
- f) Additional pts are awarded for appropriate inclusion of any of the following operations in your responses to (e).
- i. Join operation(s) [1 pt]
  - ii. Set difference or union operations or intersection [1 pt]
  - iii. Relational division [1 pt]
- g. Peer review assessment will be conducted for the remaining points up to 100 points.

### **Submission Instructions**

- Submit a written report (MS Word or PDF format) by midnight **Sunday March 26.**
- A single submission is to be made by one member of the group
- Each submission shall have the id numbers of all group members.
- Late submissions will receive a penalty of 10% per day late.