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Relational databases, ER Modelling, and Normalization

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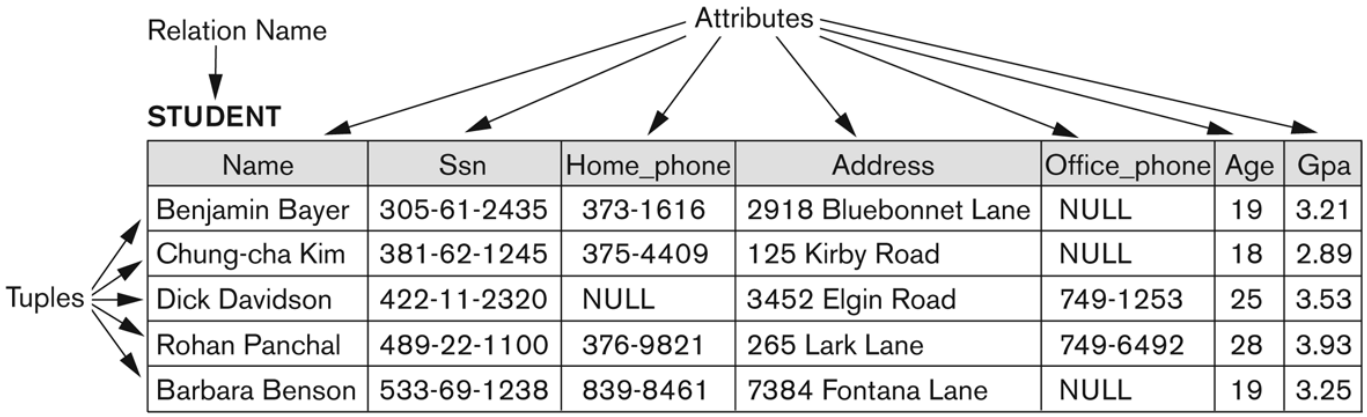
Introduction - Database Management System

- A database management system
  - is a software system that enables users to define, create, maintain, and control access to the database
  - provides a systematic way to store, manage, and retrieve data
- In this module, we will look at both relational and no SQL databases

Relational Model



Name	Ssn	Home_phone	Address	Office_phone	Age	Gpa
Benjamin Bayer	305-61-2435	373-1616	2918 Bluebonnet Lane	NULL	19	3.21
Chung-cha Kim	381-62-1245	375-4409	125 Kirby Road	NULL	18	2.89
Dick Davidson	422-11-2320	NULL	3452 Elgin Road	749-1253	25	3.53
Rohan Panchal	489-22-1100	376-9821	265 Lark Lane	749-6492	28	3.93
Barbara Benson	533-69-1238	839-8461	7384 Fontana Lane	NULL	19	3.25

- All data is logically structured within relations (tables).
- Each relation has a name and is made up of named attributes (columns) of data.
- Each tuple (row) contains one value per attribute, representing a record
- Allows a high degree of data independence
- Provides substantial grounds for dealing with data semantics, consistency, and redundancy problems
- Enables the expansion of set-oriented data manipulation languages

Advantages of Relational Model

- Simplicity
- Flexibility
- Data Integrity
- Support for SQL
- Normalization

Database Design

- Conceptual
  - high-level representation of the data, usually using an Entity-Relationship Diagram (ERD)
- Logical
  - the process of transforming (or mapping) a conceptual schema of the application domain into a schema for the data model underlying a particular DBMS, e.g. relational
- Physical
  - the process of implementing a database's logical design on secondary storage using a specific DBMS

Entity Relationship Model (ER Model)

- Conceptual framework used for designing and structuring databases

- Key components of ERD:

  - Entity
    - Strong – typically has Primary key
    - Weak

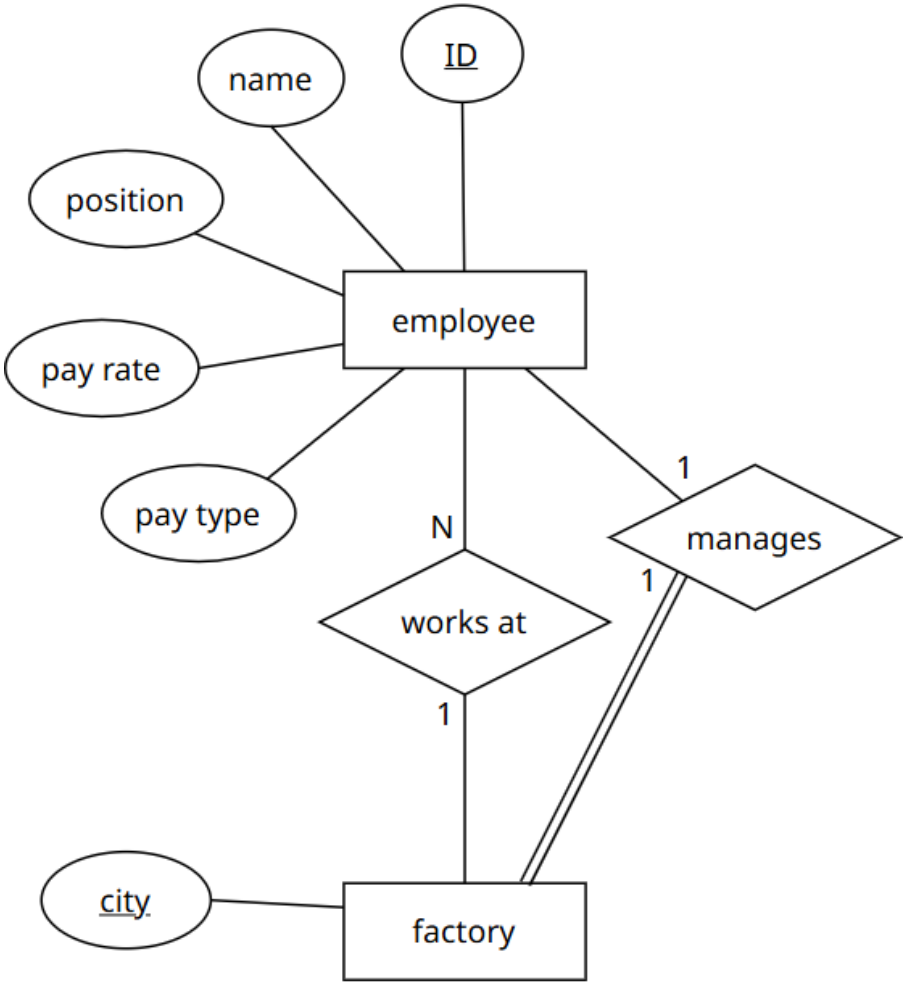
  - Attributes
    - Simple
    - Composite
    - Derived
    - Multi-valued

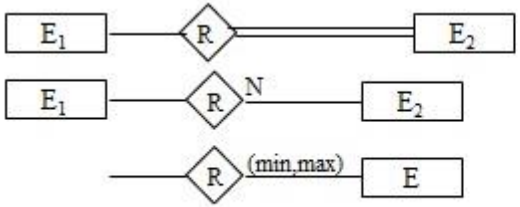
  - Relationships and Cardinality
    - One to one (1:1)
    - One to Many (1:N)
    - Many to Many (M:N)

  - Participation constraints
    - Total
    - Partial

Entity Relationship Diagram Notations

Symbol	Meaning
	ENTITY TYPE
	WEAK ENTITY TYPE
	RELATIONSHIP TYPE
	IDENTIFYING RELATIONSHIP TYPE
	ATTRIBUTE
	KEY ATTRIBUTE
	MULTIVALUED ATTRIBUTE
	COMPOSITE ATTRIBUTE
	DERIVED ATTRIBUTE





TOTAL PARTICIPATION OF E_2 IN R

CARDINALITY RATIO 1:N FOR E_1:E_2 IN R

STRUCTURAL CONSTRAINT (min, max) ON PARTICIPATION OF E IN R

Normalization

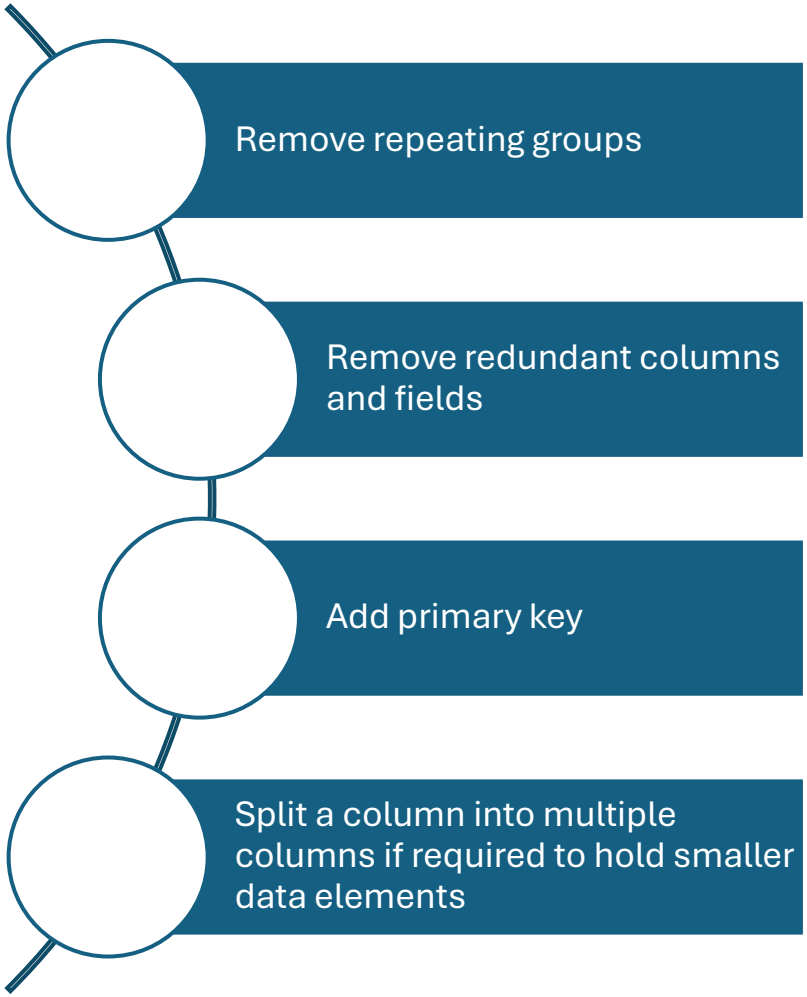
- A technique for producing a set of suitable relations that support the data requirements of an enterprise.
  - Reduces redundancy
  - Minimizes anomalies (Data inconsistencies)
  - Improves data integrity

https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/office/troubleshoot/access/database-normalization-description

First Normal Form (1NF)

- No repeating group
- A repeating group is an attribute, or group of attributes, within a table that occurs with multiple values for a single occurrence of the nominated key attribute(s) for that table.
- Atomic data
- A relation in which the intersection of each row and column contains one and only one value.
- Primary key
  - Each record must have a unique identifier

How to convert from UNF to 1NF?



Example: UNF to 1 NF

- The repeating group in the unnormalized table as the property rented details, which repeats for each client.
- The structure of the repeating group is: Repeating Group = (propertyNo, pAddress, rentStart, rentFinish, rent, ownerNo, oName)
- Multiple values at the intersection of certain rows and columns. For example, there are two values for propertyNo(PG4 and PG16) for the client named John Kay.
- To transform an unnormalized table into 1NF, we ensure that there is a single value at the intersection of each row and column.

ClientRental

clientNo	cName	propertyNo	pAddress	rentStart	rentFinish	rent	ownerNo	oName
CR76	John Kay	PG4	6 Lawrence St, Glasgow	1-Jul-07	31-Aug-08	350	CO40	Tina Murphy
		PG16	5 Novar Dr, Glasgow	1-Sep-08	1-Sep-09	450	CO93	Tony Shaw
CR56	Aline Stewart	PG4	6 Lawrence St, Glasgow	1-Sep-06	10-June-07	350	CO40	Tina Murphy
		PG36	2 Manor Rd, Glasgow	10-Oct-07	1-Dec-08	375	CO93	Tony Shaw
		PG16	5 Novar Dr, Glasgow	1-Nov-09	10-Aug-10	450	CO93	Tony Shaw

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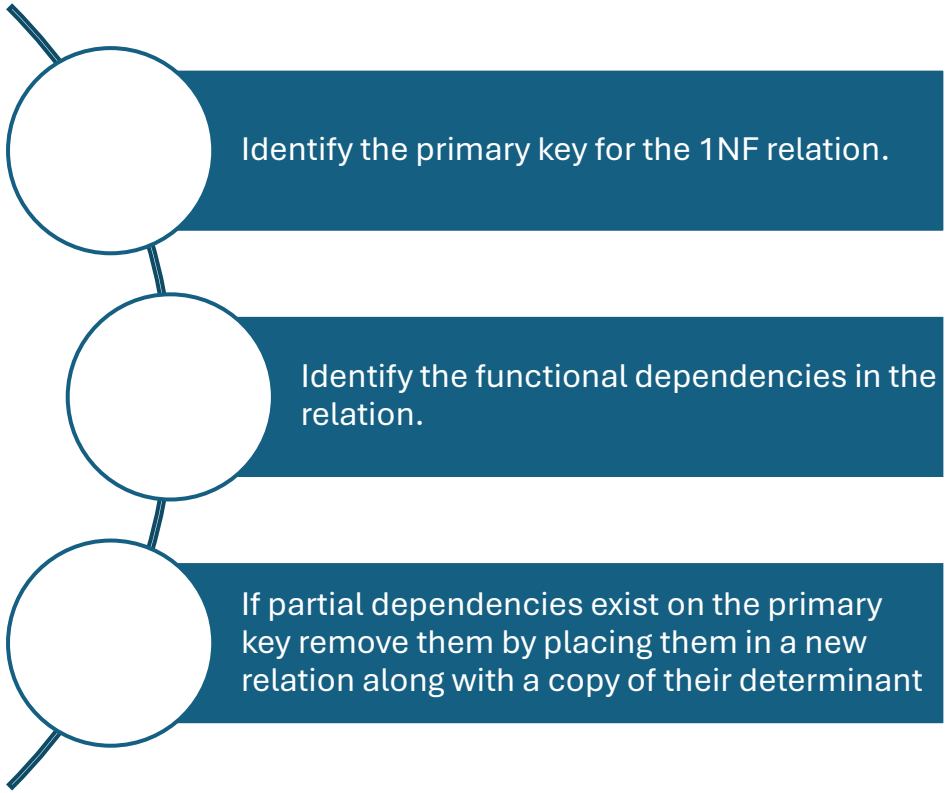
Second Normal Form (2NF)

A relation that is in first normal form and every non-primary-key attribute is fully functionally dependent on any candidate key.

- A relation in 2NF **must be**
  - in 1NF and
  - every non-primary-key attribute is fully functionally dependent on the primary key.

How to convert from 1NF to 2NF?



1NF to 2NF

- This results in the creation of three new relations called Client, Rental, and PropertyOwner,
- These three relations are in second normal form, as every non-primary-key attribute is fully functionally dependent on the primary key of the relation.

Client

clientNo	cName
CR76	John Kay
CR56	Aline Stewart

Rental

clientNo	propertyNo	rentStart	rentFinish
CR76	PG4	1-Jul-07	31-Aug-08
CR76	PG16	1-Sep-08	1-Sep-07
CR56	PG4	1-Sep-06	10-Jun-07
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PropertyOwner

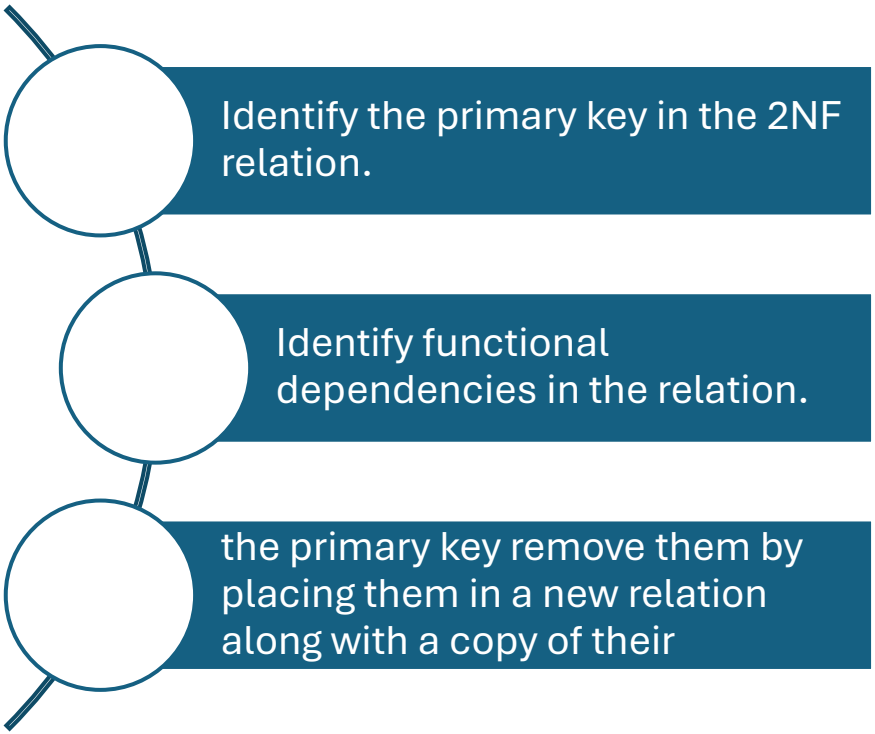
propertyNo	pAddress	rent	ownerNo	oName
PG4	6 Lawrence St, Glasgow	350	CO40	Tina Murphy
PG16	5 Novar Dr, Glasgow	450	CO93	Tony Shaw
PG36	2 Manor Rd, Glasgow	375	CO93	Tony Shaw

Third Normal Form (3NF)

A relation that is in first and second normal form and in which no non-primary-key attribute is transitively dependent on any candidate key

- Based on the concept of transitive dependency.
- Transitive Dependency is a condition where
  - A, B and C are attributes of a relation such that if A ->B and B ->C,
  - then C is transitively dependent on A through B. (Provided that A is not functionally dependent on B or C).

How to convert from 2NF to 3NF?



2NF to 3NF

- To transform the PropertyOwnerrelation into 3NF, we must first remove this transitive dependency by creating two new relations called **PropertyForRent** and **Owner**

PropertyForRent

propertyNo	pAddress	rent	ownerNo
PG4	6 Lawrence St, Glasgow	350	CO40
PG16	5 Novar Dr, Glasgow	450	CO93
PG36	2 Manor Rd, Glasgow	375	CO93

Owner

ownerNo	oName
CO40	Tina Murphy
CO93	Tony Shaw

Passive DBMSs vs Active DBMSs

- Conventional DBMSs are **passive**: they execute operations only upon explicit requests
- Often, however, there is the need of **reactive** capabilities: the DBMS autonomously reacts to some events and executes specified operations
- We refer to them as **activeDBMS (ADBMS)** for which we can specify *active rules*, also called ***triggers***

Applications for Active Databases

- Logging/tracking events
- Security
- Notification
  - Automatic notification when certain condition occurs
- Enforcing business constraints/rules
- Maintenance of derived data
  - Automatically update derived data and avoid anomalies due to redundancy e.g.trigger to update the Total salary in a department
- Maintain replicated tables

Triggers

- A trigger is a statement that is executed automatically by the DBMS as a side effect of a modification to the database
- A trigger describes an action the database should take under certain conditions when some database-related event (such as inserts, updates, deletes) occurs.

Event-Condition-Action (ECA) Model

- The model that has been used to specify active database rules is referred to as Event-Condition-Action (ECA) model

- **ON *event* IF *condition* THEN *action***

- **Event(s)** that trigger the rule to be checked: e.g. insert, delete, update
- **Condition** that determines whether the action should be executed: A logical expression (true/false)
  - Optional: If no condition is specified then condition is always true
- **Action:** Sequence of SQL statements and code to be executed

Triggers –An Example

```
create triggeroverdraft_trigger
after update on account
referencing new row as nrow
for each row
        when: nrow.balance < 0
        begin atomic
                insert into borrower
                (select customer_name, account_number From depositor
                where:nrow.account_number= depositor.account_number);

                insert into loan values
                (:nrow.account_number, :nrow.branch_name, :nrow.balance);
                update account setbalance = 0
                where account.account_number= :nrow.account_number
        end
```

Resources – some helpful links for further learning

- Reading list: UFCFU3-15-3 Advanced Databases | UWE Bristol
- https://www.w3schools.com/mysql/mysql_rdbms.asp
- https://cloud.google.com/learn/what-is-a-relational-database
- https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/office/troubleshoot/access/database-normalization-description
- Normalization: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yp82NgeQZ9o