System Design

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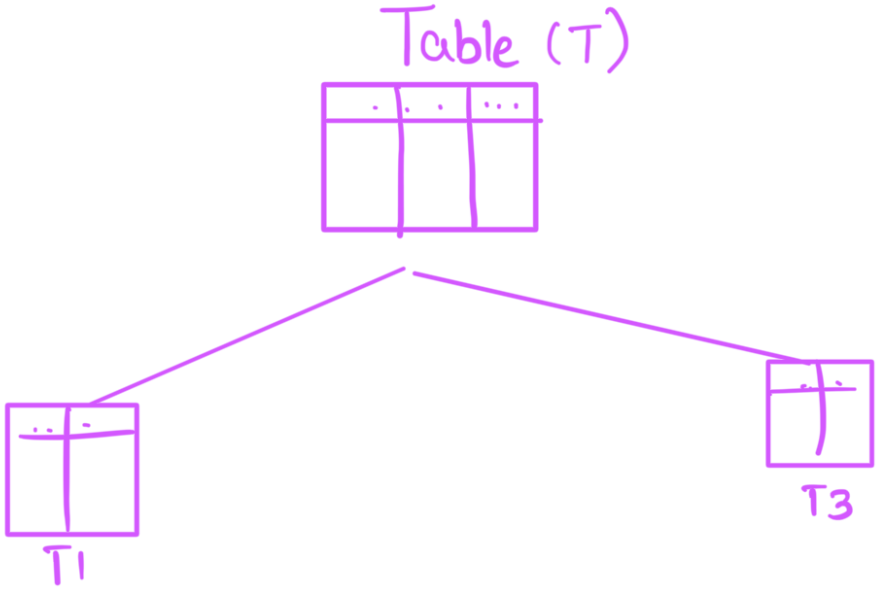
Normalization & Denormalization in RDBMS

Normalization :-

- Breaking down large tables into smaller, related tables and establishing relationships between them.
- Minimizes redundancy, simplify.
- Don't do over normalization.

"In simple language,"



Example :-

Employee Table :-

EmployeeID	EmployeeName	Department	DepartmentLocation
1	Alice	HR	Building A
2	Bob	IT	Building B
3	Carol	HR	Building A

Normalize the table above :-

Employee Table:

EmployeeID	EmployeeName	Department
1	Alice	HR
2	Bob	IT
3	Carol	HR

Department Table:

Department	DepartmentLocation
HR	Building A
IT	Building B

Qn:- Find the Department location of Empl ID: 2

Ans:- EID, EName, Department Location

Employee ⋈ DeptLocation = Department ⋈ DeptLocation

EmployeeID = 2

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Select E.EmployeeID, E.EmployeeName,
D.DepartmentLocation
From Employee E
JOIN Department D on
E.Department = D.Department
where E.EmployeeID = 2;
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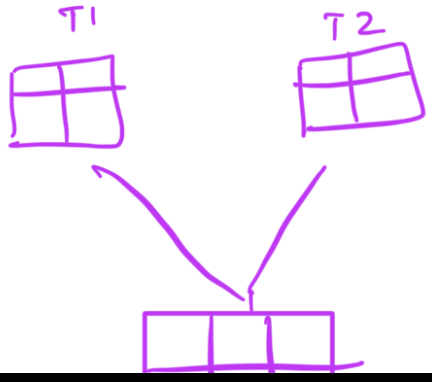
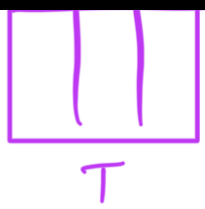
Denormalization :-

- Deliberately introducing redundancy into a database table.
- opposite of Normalization.





But Why ???

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Pros of Denormalization :-

1. Improved query performance. (No joins)
2. Simplified query.
3. Reduce joins.
4. Read intensive scenarios → Best

Cons of Denormalization :-

1. Redundancy → memory waste.
2. Inconsistent Data (Suppose you forgot to update

DepartmentLocation of HR in some rows)

3. Update/write operations → Extremely slow

Because you will have to update in multiple places (redundant)