



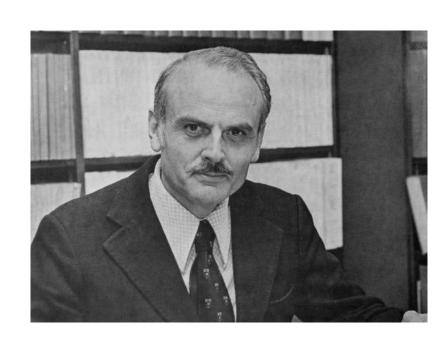
General

Proposed in 1970 by Edgard Frank Codd, a researcher at IBM in San Jose, CA.

Relation model ensures independence between levels External and Physical

It is intuitive, and based on basic algebra notions

Very popular (PostgreSQL, Oracle, MySQL, DB2, SQL Server, etc.)





Definitions

The relational model is based on two concepts: relation

and table

FILM

Title	Date	Production	FirstActor
Rambo	1980	USA	Stallone
Batman	1990	USA	Keaton
Spectre	2000	UK	Craig
Flash	2023	USA	Miller
WW2	2019	USA	Gadot

ACTOR

	V	
Name	Surname	Nationality
Silvester	Stallone	USA
Robert	De Niro	USA
Daniel	Craig	UK



Definitions

In the Relational Model, data is organized into fixed-size records (tulples) and divided into tables (relationships)

COURSES			
Course	Code	Teacher	
Databases	BD2	G. Bruni	
Programming	PO1	D. Gray	
Operating Systems	SO1	E. Ros	

NB: Column/row sorting is irrelevant (it is not applied the classical definition of mathematical relationship such as cartesian product)

Definitions:attributes, schema, instances

Attributes: table columns

Relationship **schema**: table name + attribute names

Relationship **instances**: table row

COURSES		
Course	Code	Teacher
Databases	BD2	G. Bruni
Programming	PO1	D. Gray
Operating Systems	SO1	E. Ros



Sample

Attributes

Course, Code, Teacher

Relationship schema

COURSES (Course, Code, Teacher)

Relationship instances

<Databases, BD2, G. Bruni> <Programming, PO1, D. Gray> ...

COURSES			
Course Code Teacher			
Databases	BD2	G. Bruni	
Programming	PO1	D. Gray	
Operating Systems	SO1	E. Ros	

Definition: domain

Each attribute has a **DOMAIN** that defines the set of valid values for that attribute

Example: DOMAIN("Course") = String

DOMAIN("AccademicYear") = Integer

COURSES			
Course	Code	Teacher	AccademicYear
Databases	BD2	G. Bruni	2
Programming	PO1	D. Gray	1
Operating Systems	SO1	E. Ros	3



Constraints on the relation

There can be no equal attributes

No equal rows can exist

The data in a column must be homogeneous (same domain)

	COURSES				
	Course	Code	Teacher	Teacher	
	Databases	BD2	G. Bruni	G. Bruni	
	345,56	BD1	M. DeMarsico	M. De Marisco	
_	Programming	PO1	D. Gray	D. Gray	
	Operating Systems	SO1	E. Ros	E. Ros	
	Operating Systems	SO1	E. Ros	E. Ros	



Constraints on the relation

It is possible to have a **relationship schema** without instances (e.g. during the creation of the DB)

COURSES		
Course	Code	Teacher

It is NOT possible to have instance without schema!

Databases	BD2	G. Bruni	
Programming	PO1	D. Gray	,
Operating Systems	SO1	E. Ros	

Definition: relations

A database is generally made up of several **relations**, whose records contain common values where this is necessary in order to establish correspondences

COURSES			
Course	Code	Teacher	
Databases	BD2	G. Bruni	
Programming	PO1	D. Gray	
Operating Systems	SO1	E. Ros	

EXAMS				
CourseCode		StudentID		Mark
BD2		4324235245		30
PO1 4324235245			25	
PO1		9854456577		18

STUDENTS			
ID	Date of Birth		
4324235200	Vasco	Rossi	23/12/1974
4324235245	Luca	Carboni	18/07/1999
9854456577	Renzo	Piano	1270571980



Definition: relations

In the relational model, references between data in different relationships are expressed by values

COURSES			
Course	Code	Teacher	
Databases	BD2	G. Bruili	
Programming	PO1	D. Gray	
Operating Systems	SO1	E. Ros	

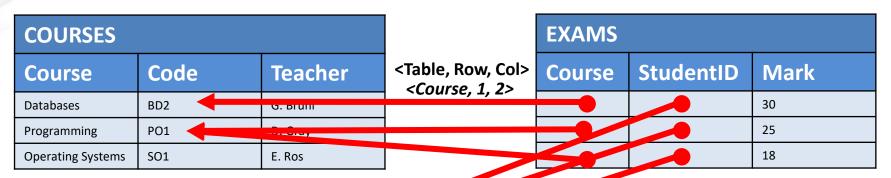
	EXAMS			
	Course		StudentID	Mark
1	BD2		4324235245	30
	PO1		12,24235245	25
	PO1		9854456577	18

STUDENTS			
ID	Name	Surname	Date of Birth
4324235200	Vasco	Rossi	23/12/1974
4324235245	Luca	Carboni	18/07/1999
9854456577	Renzo	Piano	1270571980



NB: hierarchical models

The network and hierarchical models, which were defined before the relational model, represent references explicitly by means of pointers and for this reason are called 'pointer-based' models



STUDENTS			
D	Nam	Surname	Date of Birth
4324235200	Vasco	Rossi	23/12/1974
4324235245	Luca	Carboni	18/07/1999
9854456577	Renzo	Piano	1270571980



Relation Schema

A relation schema consists of a symbol, called **name of the** relation R, and a set of (names of) attributes

A domain is associated with each attribute

COURSES			
Course	Code	Teacher	
Databases	BD2	G. Bruni	
Programming	PO1	D. Gray	
Operating Systems	SO1	E. Ros	

RELATION SCHEMA

COURSES(Course, Code, Teacher)

Name Name

attributes

DOMAIN

COURSES ⊆stringxstring

RELATION SCHEMA (Formal representation)

COURSES(Course:string, Code:string, Teacher:string)



Database Schema

A database schema consists of a set of relation schemas with different names

DATABASE SCHEMA

```
{
    COURSES(Course, Code, Teacher),
    EXAMS(Course, StudentID, Mark),
    STUDENTS(ID,Name,Surname,Date of Birth)
}
```



Relation instance

- An ennuple on a set of attributes X is a function t that
 associates each attribute A in X with a domain value of A
- t[A] denotes the value of the ennuple t on attribute A
- Relation instance on an R(X) schema: set r of ennuple on X

COURSES			
Course	Code	Teacher	
Databases	BD2	G. Bruni	
Programming	PO1	D. Gray	
Operating Systems	SO1	E. Ros	

RELATION INSTANCE FUNCTION SAMPLE

t1[Course]= "Databases"

t1[Code]= "BD2"

t3[Teacher]= "E.Ros"

RELATION INSTANCE (OF COURSE)

COURSES(Course, Code, Teacher)= {t1,t2,t3}

Relation instance: generally

Generally, a database instance (or simply database) on a schema $R = \{R_1(X_1), R_2(X_2), ..., (R_n(X_n))\}$ is a set of relations $r = \{r_1, r_2, ..., r_n\}$, where every r_i , for $1 \le i \le n$, is a relation on the schema $R_i(X_i)$

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DATABASE{
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COURSES(Course, Code, Teacher)={c1,c2,c3},

EXAMS(Course, StudentID, Mark) ={e1,e2,e3},

STUDENTS(ID,Name,Surname,Date of Birth)={s1,s2,s3,s4}
```



Incomplete information and null values: problem

In a relationship, the data n-ples must be **homogeneous** (same domain)

But sometimes:

The attribute value does not exist

It exists but is not known at the time of creation of the n-ple

COURSES			
Course	Code	Teacher	
Databases	BD2	G. Bruni	
Programming	PO1	D. Gray	
Operating Systems	SO1	E. Ros	
Database managment and Analisys	DMA2	??????????	

Incomplete information and null values: solution 1

A possible solution could be to fill in the missing information using **special values**

COURSES			
Course	Code	Teacher	
Databases	BD2	G. Bruni	
Programming	PO1	D. Gray	
Operating Systems	SO1	E. Ros	
Database managment and Analisys	DMA2	XXXXXXXXX	

Incomplete information and null values: solution 2

Alternatively: the missing information is labeled with the **NULL** value

Through NULL values, it is possible to manage three cases (unknown, non-existent or informationless values), without the need to distinguish between them

COURSES			
Course	Code	Teacher	
Databases	BD2	G. Bruni	
Programming	PO1	D. Gray	
Operating Systems	SO1	E. Ros	
Digital image	DI1	NULL	

REGIONALEGOVERNANCE		
City GovernmentAdress		
Roma	Viale IV Novembre	
Tivoli NULL		
Rieti NULL		
Ciampino NULL		

Incomplete information and null values (remark)

These are distinct rows (these are not duplicates!)

STUDENTS		
Name	Surname	Date of Birth
Vasco	NULL	23/12/1974
Vasco	NULL	23/12/1974
Luca	Carponi	18/07/1999
Renzo	Piano	12/05/1980
Renzo	Piano	12/05/1980
	Vasco Vasco Luca Renzo	Vasco NULL Vasco NULL Luca Carponi Renzo Piano





Integrity constraints

Not all instances of a relationship (or database) can be considered correct

COURSES			
Course	Code	Teacher	
Databases	BD2	G. Bruni	
Programming	PO1	D. Gray	
Operating Systems	SO1	E. Ros	

EXAMS				
Course	StudentID	Mark		
BD2	4324235245	30		
PO1	4324235245	56		
PO1	9854456577	18		

STUDENTS			
ID	Date of Birth		
4324235200	Vasco	Rossi	23/12/1974
4324235245	Luca	Carboni	18/07/1999
9854456577	Renzo	Piano	1270571980



It is possible to classify the constraints according to the elements of the database that are involved in it.

There are two categories, the first of which has some particular subcases.

• A **constraint is intra-relational** if its satisfaction is defined with regard to a single relation of the database; in some cases, the definition of the constraint considers the record (or even the values) separately from each other

A record constraint is a constraint that can be evaluated on each record independently from the others (record/tuple constraint)

As a still more specific case, a constraint defined with reference to single values is called a **value constraint** (or domain constraint), given that it imposes a restriction on the domain of the attribute.

• A constraint is inter-relational if it involves more that one relation



Integrity constraints: tuple constraint

The **record constraints** express conditions on each n-ple, considered individually

A record constraint can be expressed by algebraic expressions or Boolean expressions

Example: **18**≤MARK≤**30**

EXAMS				
Course	StudentID	Mark		
BD2	4324235245	30		
PO1	4324235245	56		
PO1	9854456577	18		

RELATIONAL MODEL Integrity constraints: value constraint

The **value constraints** is defined with reference to single values

Example: Course: Character varying (3)

EXAMS				
Course	StudentID	Mark		
BD2	4324235245	30		
PO1	4324235245	24		
PO1	9854456577	18		

Integrity constraints: n-ple constraint

They express conditions on each n-ple, considered individually They can be expressed as function between attributes:

Example: BALANCE=REVENUE-COST

MARKET				
Date Revenue Cost Balance				
09/05/2023	500	0	500	
10/05/2023	10	180	170	
11/05/2023	200	200	0	





Key: definition

A **key** is a set (one or more) of attributes that allows you to uniquely identify the records of a relation

STUDENTS			
ID	Date of Birth		
4324235200	Vasco	Rossi	23/12/1974
4324235245	Luca	Carboni	18/07/1999
9854456577	Renzo	Piano	1270571980

ID is a key because students have different ID/freshmen Given the ID of a student, it is possible to trace uniquely all his data (surname / name / date of birth)



SuperKey: definition

A subset K of attributes of a relation is a **superkey** if it does not contain two distinct records t1 and t2 with t1[K]=t2[K].

STUDENTS			
ID	Date of Birth		
4324235200	Vasco	Rossi	23/12/1974
4322113403	Valentino	Rossi	21/02/1999
4324235245	Luca	Carboni	18/07/1999
9854456577	Renzo	Piano	1270571980

With this istances:

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{ID} is a SuperKey
{Surname} is not a Superkey
{ID, Surname} is a SuperKey
{Name, Surname} is a SuperKey
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RELATIONAL MODEL minimal SuperKey: definition

A key to a relation r is a **minimal superkey** of r (i.e. there is no other superkey K' that is contained in K)

STUDENTS			
ID	Date of Birth		
4324235200	Vasco	Rossi	23/12/1974
4322113403	Valentino	Rossi	21/02/1999
4324235245	Luca	Carboni	18/07/1999
9854456577	Renzo	Piano	1270571980

{ID} is a Key and it is a minimal SuperKey
{Surname} is not a Key
{ID, Surname} is a SuperKey but is not minimal
{ID, Name, Surname} is a SuperKey but is not minimal

SuperKey: frequency in a database

There is always at least one superkey for each relationship

There may be multiple superkeys for the same relationship

STUDENTS				
ID	Name	Surname	Date of Birth	SSN
4324235200	Vasco	Rossi	23/12/1974	80001234
4322113403	Valentino	Rossi	21/02/1999	80001235
4324235245	Luca	Carboni	18/07/1999	80001236
9854456577	Renzo	Piano	1270571980	80001237



Keys and null values

When a **Key** has a NULL values, the unique addressing of the records and the correlations between different tables may not be guaranteed

STUDENTS			
ID	Name	Surname	Date of Birth
4324235200	Vasco	Rossi	23/12/1974
NULL	Valentino	Rossi	21/02/1999
4324235245	Valentino	Rossi	NULL
9854456577	Renzo	Piano	1270571980



Key: time definition

At design time, keys should be defined at the schema level; not at the instance level

{Name} it is a key in this instance, but it is only a coincidence

HOSPITALIZATION				
Name	Surname	Sector	Date of hospitalization	Date of discharge
Vasco	Rossi	cardiology	23/12/2022	23/01/2023
Luca	Carboni	orthopedy	18/07/2022	28/07/2022
Marco	Carboni	orthopedy	12/04/2023	NULL

Keys and null values

Primary key: Key of a relationship on which NULL values are not allowed

STUDENTS			
ID	Date of Birth		
4324235200	Vasco	Rossi	23/12/1974
4324235245	Luca	Carboni	18/07/1999
9854456577	Renzo	Piano	1270571980

The attributes of a primary key are usually indicated with an

underline

STUDENTS			
<u>ID</u>	Name	Surname	Date of Birth

STUDENTS(ID, Surname, Name, DateOfBirth)



Each relationship must have a primary key

What should I do if the contidion is not verified or all keys have NULL values?

Add a new identifiers or a progressive codes

	HOSPITALIZATION					
<u>ID</u>	Name	Surname	Sector	Date of hospitalization	Date of discharge	
1	Vasco	NULL	cardiology	23/12/2022	23/01/2023	
2	Luca	Carboni	orthopedy	18/07/2022	28/07/2022	
4	Luca	Piano	orthopedy	12/04/2023	NULL	



Primary Key (remark)

A key can consist of multiple attributes

MATCH						
<u>Team1</u>	Team2	<u>Date</u>	Point1	Point2		
Virtus	Ciampino FC	23/04/2023	35	60		
Romulea	Lupa Frascati	18/03/2023	12	70		
Polisportiva Rieti	MarinoLand	09/05/2023	23	22		

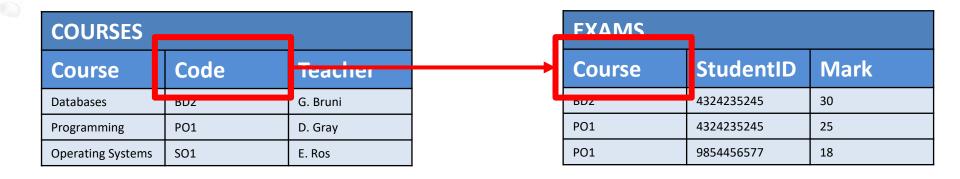
But you MUST pay attention

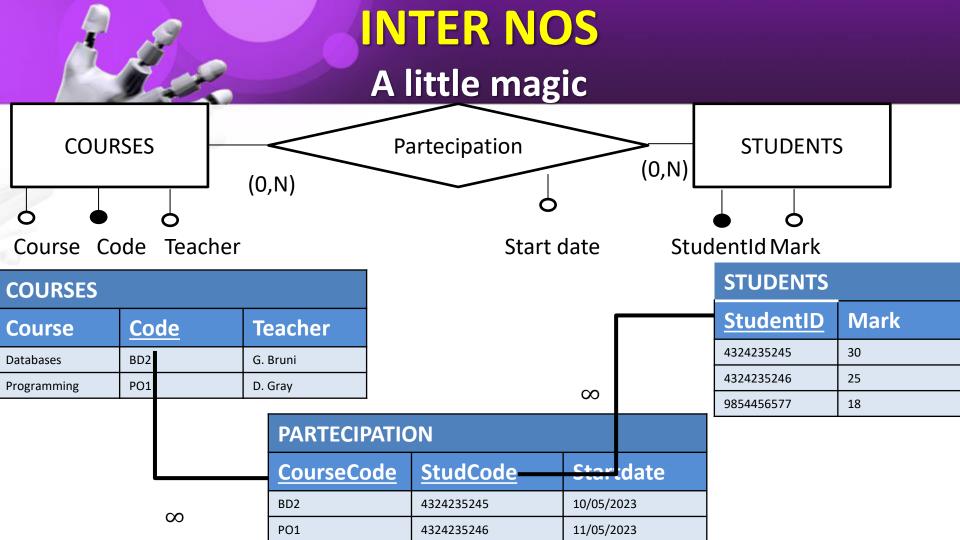
MATCH			MATCH						
Team1	Team2	<u>Date</u>	Point1	Point2	Team1	Team2	Date	Point1	Point2
Virtus	Ciampino FC	NULL	35	35	Virtus	Romulea	23/04/23	35	35
Virtus	Ciampino FC	18/03/2023	12	70	Virtus	Romulea	18/03/23	12	70
	•								

Key: purpose

Access each database ennuple, uniquely

Correlating data between different relationships







Internal relation

In the relational model, a database can be composed of many related relations

Links between different relations are expressed by common values in replicated attributes

COURSES		ſ	EXAMS			
Course	Code	Teacher		Course	StudentID	Mark
Databases	BD2	G. Bruni	L	RDZ	4324235245	30
Programming	PO1	D. Gray		PO1	4324235245	25
Operating Systems	SO1	E. Ros		PO1	9854456577	18

Foreign key: definition

A **foreign key** (or foreign key constraint), between a set of attributes X of a relation R1 e another relation R2, forces the values on X of each tuple of the instance of R1 to appear as primary key values of the instance of R2

In other words: a foreign key(s) links information between different tables

through common values

SURGERIES				
hospital ward	IdUser	Date		
А	M000065	10/05/2022		
В	M000065	08/04/2023		
В	M000067	09/03/2023		

USEKS	_		
<u>Code</u>	Name	Surname	Birth
M000065	Maria	Toscano	13/05/1947
M000067	Beatrice	Mesti	16/06/1945
E022067	Enza	Brambilla	09/07/1956
F055067	Silvio	Bernardi	22/08/1955

referencing relationship

referenced relationship

Foreign key: SURGERIES(IdUser) ⊆USERS(Code)



Foreign key: use

VIGILANTS					
<u> </u>	Name	Surname			
123	John	Rambo			
345	Salvo	Montalbano			
678	Vish	Puri			

CARS		
<u>State</u>	Plate	Owner
NY	3DIE87H	Bruce Willis
IND	3789807	Priyanka Chopra
ITA	RS768DR	Cristiano Malgioglio
IND	3789811	Salman Khan

Foreign keys of referencing relationship must have same attributes/col umns and data types of primary key of referenced relationship

INFRINGMENTS

<u>VerbalNum</u>	Date	Agent	State	PlateNum			
C100	05/02/2023	123	NY	3DIE87H			
C202	05/02/2023	678	IND	3789807			
C503	12/06/2023	678	IND	3789811			

Foreign key: INFRINGMENTS(Agent)

CVIGILANTS(ID)

referencing relationship



Foreign key: sample I

Referential integrity constraint between Pilot attribute of the FLIGHTS relation and the

PILOTS				
<u>IDPilot</u>	Name	Surname		
123	⊎go	Drago		
444	Jack	Sullivan		
678	Hans	Wind		

AIRPORTS					
<u>AirportID</u>	Plate	NumbTrack			
FCO	Rome	10			
BOQ	Bologna	5			
ATL	Atlanta	40			
FKF	Frankfurt	30			

FLIGHTS						
<u>Code</u>	Date	Departure	Arrival	Company	Pilot	
AF12	05/02/2023	FCO	BOQ	AirFrance	123	
AZ22	05/02/2023	ATL	FCO	ItaNV	444	
LH23	12/06/2023	BOQ	FKK	Lufthansa	444	

Foreign key: FLIGHTS(Pilot) ⊆Pilot(IDPilot)

Foreign key: sample II

Referential integrity constraint between Departure attribute of the FLIGHTS relation and

PILOTS				
<u>IDPilot</u>	Name	Surname		
123	Ugo	Drago		
444	Jack	Sullivan		
678	Hans	Wind		

AIRPORTS						
<u>AirportID</u>	Plate	NumbTrack				
FCG	Rome	10				
B OQ	Bologna	5				
ATL	Atlanta	40				
FKF	Frankfurt	30				

FLIGHTS					
<u>Code</u>	Date	Departure	Arrival	Company	Pilot
AF12	05/02/2023	FCO	BOQ	AirFrance	123
AZ22	05/02/2023	ATL	FCO	ItaNV	444
LH23	12/06/2023	BOQ	FKK	Lufthansa	444

Foreign key: FLIGHTS(Departure) ⊆AIRPORTS(AirportID)

Foreign key: sample III

Referential integrity constraint between Arrival attribute of the FLIGHTS relation and

the	AIRP	ORTS	re	ation

PILOTS				
<u>IDPilot</u>	Name	Surname		
123	Ugo	Drago		
444	Jack	Sullivan		
678	Hans	Wind		

AIRPORTS						
Airpo	<u>rtID</u>	Plate	NumbTrack			
FCO	\	Rome	10			
BOQ		Bologna	5			
ATL		Atlanta	40			
FKF		Frankfurt	30			

FLIGHTS					
<u>Code</u>	Date	Departure	Arrival	Company	Pilot
AF12	05/02/2023	FCO	BOQ	AirFrance	123
AZ22	05/02/2023	ATL	FCO	ItaNV	444
LH23	12/06/2023	BOQ	FKK	Lufthansa	444

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Foreign key: VIOLATION

PILOTS				
<u>IDPilot</u>	Name	Surname		
123	Ugo	Drago		
444	Jack	Sullivan		
678	Hans	Wind		

AIRPORTS					
<u>AirportID</u>	Plate	NumbTrack			
FCO	Rome	10			
BOQ	Bologna	5			
ATL	Atlanta	40			
FKF	Frankfurt	30			

FLIGHTS

<u>Code</u>	Date	Departure	Arrival		Company	Pilot
AF12	05/02/2023	FCO	BOQ		AirFrance	123
AZ22	05/02/2023	ATL	СМР		ItaNV	444
LH23	12/06/2023	BOQ	FKK		Lufthansa	234

Is it the only violation ?



Foreign key: MORE FK

Integrity constraint between RESERVATION (FlightCode, Flight Date) and FLIGHTS (constraint on multiple attributes).

In these case there are two Foreign Keys

FLIGHTS							
<u>Code</u>	Date	Departure	Arrival	Company	Pilot		
AF12	05/02/2023	FCO	BOQ	AirFrance	123		
AZ22	05/02/2023	ATL	FCO	ItaNV	444		
LH23	12/06/2023	BOQ	FKK	Lufthansa	444		

FLIGHTS				
<u>NrTick</u>	CodeFlight	DateFlight	Name	Surname
123	AZ22	05/02/2023	Vasco	Rossi
124	LH23	12/06/2023	Achille	Lauro

Why is NOT possibile have only one FK?

Foreign keys: RESERVATION(CodeFlight, DateFlight) ⊆ FLIGHTS(Code, Date)

Referential integrity constraints

An update or delete operation on a relation can cause inconsistencies

How to react?

Do not allow the operation Cascade elimination Inserting NULL Values

Referential integrity constraints

PILOTS			
<u>IDPilot</u>	Name	Surname	
123	Ugo	Drago	
444	Jack	Sullivan	
678	Hans	Wind	

AIRPORTS			
<u>AirportID</u>	Plate	NumbTrack	
FCO	Rome	10	
BOQ	Bologna	5	
ATL	Atlanta	40	
FKF	Frankfurt	30	

FLIGHTS					
<u>Code</u>	Date	Departure	Arrival	Company	Pilot
AF12	05/02/2023	FCO	BOQ	AirFrance	123
AZ22	05/02/2023	ATL	FCO	ItaNV	444
LH23	12/06/2023	BOQ	FKK	Lufthansa	444

Referential integrity constraints

CASCADE DELETION

PILOTS			
<u>IDPilot</u>	Name	Surname	
123	Ugo	Drago	
444	Jack	Sullivan	
678	Hans	Wind	

AIRPORTS			
<u>AirportID</u>	Plate	NumbTrack	
FCO	Rome	10	
BOQ	Bologna	5	
ATL	Atlanta	40	
FKF	Frankfurt	30	

FLIGHTS					
<u>Code</u>	Date	Departure	Arrival	Company	Pilot
AF12	05/02/2023	FCO	BOQ	AirFrance	123
AZ22	05/02/2023	ATL	FCO	ItaNV	444
LH23	12/06/2023	BOQ	FKK	Lufthansa	444

Referential integrity constraints

INSERT NULL VALUES

PILOTS			
<u>IDPilot</u>	Name	Surname	
123	Ugo	Drago	
444	Jack	Sullivan	
678	Hans	Wind	

AIRPORTS			
<u>AirportID</u>	Plate	NumbTrack	
FCO	Rome	10	
BOQ	Bologna	5	
ATL	Atlanta	40	
FKF	Frankfurt	30	

FLIGHTS					
<u>Code</u>	Date	Departure	Arrival	Company	Pilot
AF12	05/02/2023	FCNULL	BOQ	AirFrance	123
AZ22	05/02/2023	ATL	FCONULL	ItaNV	444
LH23	12/06/2023	BOQ	FKK	Lufthansa	444

