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## COIT20247 - Database Design & Development

### Tutorial Solutions – Logical design (ER Transformation)

Note: due to the difficulty of formatting and displaying arrows in a word processor document, the “FOREIGN KEY” syntax will be used in this document. You may use the arrow syntax if you prefer.

#### 1. Students and courses:

STUDENT (StudentID, Name, Address)

COURSE (CourseID, CourseName, CreditPoints)

ENROLMENT (CourseID, StudentID)

FOREIGN KEY (CourseID) REFERENCES Course

FOREIGN KEY (StudentID) REFERENCES Student

Note: you may have given ENROLMENT a different name – provided it is a sensible name, then it's acceptable.

#### 2. Buildings and offices:

BUILDING (BuildingNbr, BuildingName)

OFFICE (BuildingNbr, OfficeNbr, OfficePhone)

FOREIGN KEY (BuildingNbr) REFERENCES Building

#### 3. Employee supervision:

EMPLOYEE (EmployeeID, EmpName)

SUPERVISION (SupervisorID, EmployeeID)

FOREIGN KEY (SupervisorID) REFERENCES Employee

FOREIGN KEY (EmployeeID) REFERENCES Employee

Note: You might have named the SUPERVISION relation differently or named the attributes within it different. Provided the names are sensible, this is fine.

#### 4. Staff and departments:

STAFF (StaffID, StaffName, *DeptID*)

FOREIGN KEY (DeptID) REFERENCES Department

DEPARTMENT (DeptID, DeptName, ContactPh, *HeadID*)

FOREIGN KEY (HeadID) REFERENCES Staff

Note: The attribute name *HeadID* was used in the DEPARTMENT relation above as it is more meaningful than *StaffID*. It also demonstrates that the name of the foreign key *does not have to match the name of the corresponding primary key*. That is why the arrow/foreign key statement is important – it is not always going to be obvious which relation the foreign key refers to. It is also perfectly acceptable to use *StaffID* in place of *HeadID*.

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5. **Students, courses & campuses:**

CAMPUS (CampusID, CampusName)

COURSE (CourseID, CourseName)

STUDENT (StudentID, Name, DateOfBirth, Street, City, State, PostCode, StudyLevel, StudentType)

ENROLMENT (StudentID, CourseID)

FOREIGN KEY (StudentID) REFERENCES Student

FOREIGN KEY (CourseID) REFERENCES Course

STUDENT-PHONE (StudentID, Number, Type)

FOREIGN KEY (StudentID) REFERENCES Student

STUDENT-EMAIL (StudentID, Email)

FOREIGN KEY (StudentID) REFERENCES Student

FLEX (StudentID, StudyGroup)

FOREIGN KEY (StudentID) REFERENCES Student

ON-CAMPUS (StudentID, GymMember, CampusID)

FOREIGN KEY (StudentID) REFERENCES Student

FOREIGN KEY (CampusID) REFERENCES Campus

NON-AWARD (StudentID, Employer-School)

FOREIGN KEY (StudentID) REFERENCES Student

UNDERGRAD (StudentID, GovtSupported)

FOREIGN KEY (StudentID) REFERENCES Student

Notes:

- You may have chosen to include Age in the STUDENT relation. This is a valid design choice, but you would have to be able to justify your decision. It has been left out of the above design as it is a very straightforward matter to calculate the age of a student based upon the DateOfBirth attribute. Age would rarely be needed, and easily calculated when required. By contrast, if Age were stored, it would become out-of-date annually and would need to be checked before being used anyway.
- (StudentID, Type) would be accepted as a primary key for the STUDENT-PHONE relation, although (StudentID, Number) is arguably a better choice. However, note that (StudentID) on its own **is not sufficient for a primary key** and would be marked as wrong!

6. **Best books:** Left as an exercise.

7. **Real estate:** Left as an exercise.

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**8. Milk dairy:**

SUPPLIER (SupplierID, SupplierName)

FARMER-SUPPLIER (FarmerSupplierD, *SocietySupplierID*)

FOREIGN KEY (FarmerSupplierID) REFERENCES Supplier

FOREIGN KEY (SocietySupplierID) REFERENCES Society-Supplier

SOCIETY-SUPPLIER (SocietySupplierD, PresidentName, PresidentPhone, SecretaryName, SecretaryPhone)

FOREIGN KEY (SocietySupplierID) REFERENCES Supplier

CHILLING-CENTRE-SUPPLIER (ChillingCentreSupplierD, ManagerName)

FOREIGN KEY (ChillingCentreSupplierID) REFERENCES Supplier

CHILLING-CENTRE-PHONE (ChillingCentreSupplierD, ContactPhone)

FOREIGN KEY (ChillingCentreSupplierID) REFERENCES Chilling-Centre-Supplier

BATCH (BatchID, DateSupplied, QtySupplied, *SupplierID*, *PaymentID*)

FOREIGN KEY (SupplierID) REFERENCES Supplier

FOREIGN KEY (BatchID) REFERENCES Batch

SAMPLE (SampleID, Timestamp, Fat%, SNF%, *BatchID*)

FOREIGN KEY (BatchID) REFERENCES Batch

PAYMENT (PaymentID, DatePaid, AmtPaid, *SupplierID*)

FOREIGN KEY (SupplierID) REFERENCES Supplier

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**9. Quikfix electronics:**

CUSTOMER (CustomerID, CustomerName, Street, Suburb, State, Postcode)

CUSTOMER-PHONE (CustomerID, ContactPhone)

FOREIGN KEY (CustomerID) REFERENCES Customer

CUSTOMER (CustomerID, CustomerName, Street, Suburb, State, Postcode)

ITEM-TYPE (ItemTypeID, ItemType)

ITEM (ItemID, Description, Make, Model, SerialNbr, *CustomerID*, *ItemTypeID*)

FOREIGN KEY (CustomerID) REFERENCES Customer

FOREIGN KEY (ItemTypeID) REFERENCES ItemType

EMPLOYEE (EmployeeID, EmployeeName, Street, Suburb, State, Postcode, ContactPhone)

REPAIR (JobNbr, ProblemDescription, NbrHours, TotalAmtDue, Completed, *ItemID*,  
*EmployeeID*)

FOREIGN KEY (ItemID) REFERENCES Item

FOREIGN KEY (EmployeeID) REFERENCES Employee

PART-TYPE (PartTypeID, Description, PricePerUnit)

PARTS-USED (JobNbr, PartTypeID)

FOREIGN KEY (JobNbr) REFERENCES Repair

FOREIGN KEY (PartTypeID) REFERENCES Part-Type

PAYMENT (PaymentID, DatePaid, AmtPaid, *JobNbr*)

FOREIGN KEY (JobNbr) REFERENCES Repair

Note: It is possible to put PaymentID into Repair (instead of the other way around) and would be accepted as a “valid” solution; however the solution above (placing JobNbr into Payment) reduces the number of nulls in the database.

**10. Building Brokerage Services:** Left as an exercise.