Understanding Normalization in SQL

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What is Normalization?

- Normalization is the process of structuring data in a database to eliminate redundancy and avoid anomalies like Insertion, Update, and Deletion anomalies.
- It involves dividing large tables into smaller, related tables and establishing clear relationships between them.

Why Use Normalization?

- By reducing redundancy and ensuring data dependencies are logical and consistent, normalization enhances data integrity.
- It simplifies data maintenance tasks such as updates, deletions, and insertions, thereby improving overall database management efficiency.
- Additionally, normalization optimizes query performance by streamlining data retrieval

Types of Normal Forms

1NF: Atomicity by requiring each column to contain unique, indivisible values.



 Remove partial dependencies where non-key attributes depend on only part of a composite key.

 Eliminate transitive dependencies where non-key attributes depend on other nonkey attributes.

 Eliminate multi-valued dependencies by ensuring that records do not contain two or more independent multi-valued facts.

5nf - Decompose tables to remove redundancy by ensuring every join dependency is implied by candidate keys.

DKNF:

Eliminate all constraints except domain and key constraints.

Advantages

- Eliminate all constraints except domain and key constraints Minimizes duplicate data across the database, leading to more efficient storage and streamlined data management.
- Organizes data into atomic (indivisible)
 values, ensuring that each column in a
 table holds only unique, non-repeating
 information.

- implifies data maintenance tasks such as updates, deletions, and insertions by reducing data duplication and ensuring that data is logically organized
- Optimizes the database structure, leading to potentially faster and more efficient data retrieval due to reduced data volume and better-structured queries..

Ensures that complex relationships are handled correctly, with data dependencies clearly defined.



Disadvantages

- Normalization can lead to a more complex database schema with a larger number of smaller, related tables, which can be harder to manage and understand.
- The design and maintenance of the database become more challenging due to the need for a detailed understanding of the data relationships and dependencies.

Thank You

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