

# Database Design

## 6-2: Normalization and First Normal Form

### Practice Solutions

#### Vocabulary

Directions: Identify the vocabulary word for each definition below.

First Normal Form (1NF)	The outcome of the first step of database normalization. 1NF eliminates repeating groups by putting each into a separate table and connecting them with a 1:M relationship
Normalization	A series of steps followed to obtain a database design that allows for efficient access and storage of data in a relational database. These steps reduce data redundancy and the chances of data becoming inconsistent

#### Try It / Solve It

1. When checking a database model for first normal form what are you doing exactly?

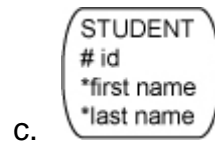
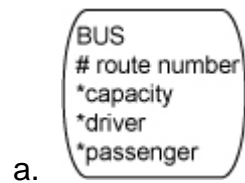
**Solution:** Verifying that each entity contains attributes that are appropriate for it; insuring that the entity has a UID; checking each attribute against its UID and verifying that the attribute only contains a single value.

2. What is the rule of 1NF in the normalization process?

**Solution:** 1NF rule has three parts:

- a) identify the related data parts (attributes) and place them together in one entity; if multiple entities exist, attributes should be listed one time only and in the best possible location
- b) identify the UID of the entity
- c) remove any attribute that contains repeating groups (multiple values) and place it in its own entity; create a 1:M relationship between the two entities

3. Check to see if each ERD is in 1NF. If not, make the necessary changes to correct it.



**Solution:** Problems a. and b. need to be altered. Problem c. is in 1NF..

