



# *Basic Relational Data Model*

## Keys & Constraints


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# *Objectives*

- Terminology
- Characteristics of Relations
- Relational Data Model Notations
- Key constraints
- Others Constraints



# *Terminology*

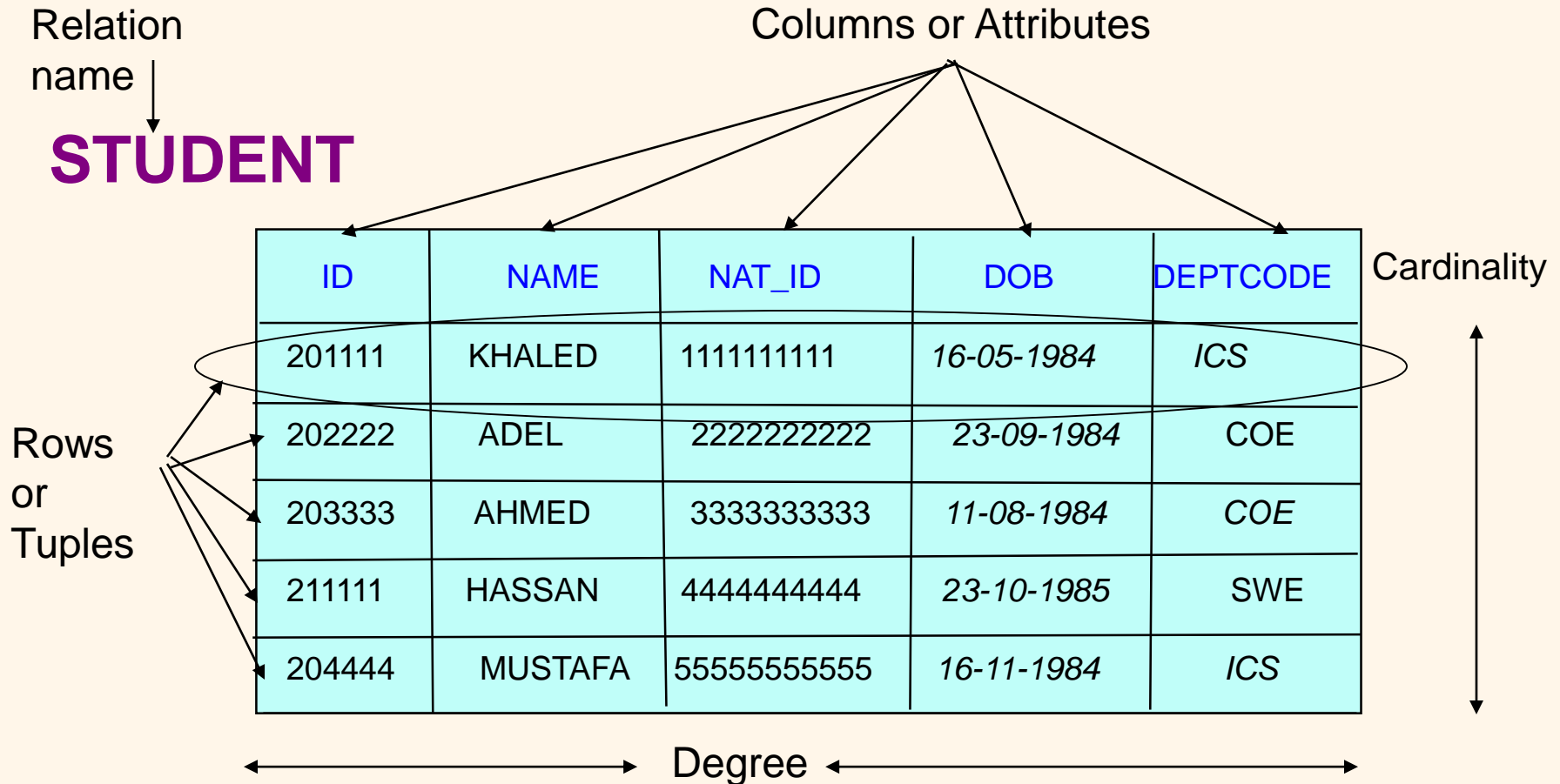
- A **relation** is a table with columns and rows.
- **Attribute** is a named column of a relation.
- **Domain** is a set of allowable values for one or more attributes.
- **Tuple** is a row of a relation.
- **Degree** is a number of attributes in a relation.
- **Cardinality** is a number of tuples in a relation.
- **Relationship** is a link or dependency between relations.
- **Relational Database** is a collection of relations.

# Terminology

A **relation** is a table with columns and rows.

A table can be written as

**STUDENT**(ID, Name, Nat\_ID, DOB, DeptCode)





# *Characteristics of Relations*

- Each relation in the same relational database schema has a distinct name
- Each value in a tuple is atomic
- Each attribute in a relation has a distinct name.
- Values of an attribute are all from the same domain.
- Each tuple is distinct.
- Order of attributes has no significance.
- Order of tuples has no significance, theoretically.



# *Relational Data Model*

## *Notations*

The letters Q, R, S denote the abstract relation names.

$R(A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n)$  denotes a relation schema R of degree n.

Example: STUDENT(RollNo, Name, Phone, Address, Mobile, DOB)  
COURSE(CourseID, Title, CreditHours)

Both  $t[A_i]$  and  $t.A_i$  refers to the value  $v_i$  in  $t$  for attribute  $A_i$

Example: in second tuple, both  $t[\text{name}]$  and  $t.\text{name}$  refers to “Adel”

$\text{Dom}(\text{DEPTCODE}) = \{\text{'COE'}, \text{'ICS'}, \text{'SWE'}\}$



# *Relation's Definition*

Relation: A *relation* is a subset of Cartesian product of all domains

$$R(r) \subseteq \text{Dom}(A_1) \times \text{dom}(A_2) \times \dots \times \text{Dom}(A_n)$$

Where  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  represent attributes of a relation  $r$ .

Evaluation:

Given

$$A_1 = \{1, 2\}, A_2 = \{a\}, A_3 = \{x, y\}$$

Then relation

$$X = \{(1, a, y), (2, a, x), (2, a, y)\}; \text{ 3 tuples of a relation}$$

is a subset of

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= \text{Dom}(A_1) \times \text{dom}(A_2) \times \text{Dom}(A_3) \\ &= \{(1, a, x), (1, a, y), (2, a, x), (2, a, y)\} \end{aligned}$$

Note: Degree of a relation is the number of attributes, in above case degree of relation is 3.

Alternate Definition of Relation

For each tuple  $t_i$  is a mapping from  $R$  to  $D$

Where  $D = \text{Dom}(A_1) \cup \text{Dom}(A_2) \cup \dots \cup \text{Dom}(A_n)$

And  $t[A_i] \in \text{Dom}(A_i)$

Then a tuple can be considered as attribute and value.

For example: The following representation shows a tuple definition

$t = \langle (\text{id}, 21587), (\text{Name}, \text{Muhammad}), (\text{Hphone}, \text{Null}), (\text{Wphone}, 866-1141) \rangle$



# *Data Models*

- **Object-Based Data Models**
  - Entity-Relationship
  - Semantic
  - Functional
  - Object-Oriented
- **Record-Based Data Models**
  - Relational Data Model
  - Network Data Model
  - Hierarchical Data Model
- **Physical Data-Models**





# *Keys*



A **key** is a combination of one or more columns that is used to identify rows in a relation

A **composite key** is a key that consists of two or more columns



# *Super Key*

A super key is a combination of columns that uniquely identifies any row within a relational database management system (RDBMS) table.

Roll#	FirstName	LastName	Address	City	NIC#	Deptno
...						
12i-2565	...					CS
	Ali					CS
	Ali					EE
...						

{Roll#}, {Roll#, NIC#}, {NIC#}

{Roll#, FirstName, LastName, Address, City, NIC#, Deptno}



# *Example-1*

Roll Number	First Name	Last Name
CSU0001	Shabbir	Bhimani
CSU0002	Jain	Rao
CSU0003	Nitin	Uday

Now we have the following as super keys

Roll Number	First Name	
Roll Number	First Name	Last Name



## *Example-2*

Following table consists of four columns  
EmployeeID, Name, Job, DeptID

Examples of superkeys in this table would be {employeeID, Name},  
{employeeID, Name, job}, and  
{employeeID, Name, job, departmentID}

In a real database we don't need values for all of those  
columns to identify a row

We only need, per our example, the set {EmployeeID}.

This is a minimal superkey

So, employeeID is a candidate key.

EmployeeID can also uniquely identify the tuples.

**FirstName and FatherName (for NADRA)**



# *Candidate Keys*

A **candidate key** is a key that determines all of the other columns in a relation

Candidate key columns help in searching **fewer duplicated** or unique records.

Examples

In PRODUCT relation

Prod# is a candidate key

Prod\_Name is also a candidate key

In ORDER\_PROD

(OrderNumber, Prod#) is a candidate key

If BirthDate (or DrivingLicense#) is known then Name, address, telno etc. can be found from fewer searched records.



# *Identifying Candidate Keys*

For Bank: AccountHolder (or Customer)

ACC#, Fname, Lname, DOB, CNIC#, Addr, City, TelNo, Mobile#,  
DriveLic#

For PTCL: Customer (single telno holders)

Consumer#, Fname, Lname, DOB, CNIC#, Addr, City, TelNo,  
Mobile#

For NADRA: Citizen (CNIC#, Fname, Lname, FatherName, DOB,  
OldCNIC#, PAddr, PCity, TAddr, TCity, TelNo, Mobile#)



TelNo, Mobile#:

Old value, Null,  
fewer duplications,  
changeable



# *Identifying right record using Candidate Key – an Example*

**Let's analyze the following set of columns**

**{FirstName, LastName, DOB, TelNo, NatCardID}**

First Name	Last Name	DOB	TelNo	NatCardID
Fiaz	Ali			
Fyaz	Ali			110116987231



# *Candidate Keys cont....*

**Example-1: Branch (branch-name, assets, branch-city)**  
**Candidate Key: {branch-name}**

**Example-2: Customer (cname, natid, address, city, telno)**  
**cname, address, city can be duplicated individually and cannot determine a record.**

**The following combinations distinguish customer records or tuples.**

**{cname, telno}**

**{natid}**

**{natid, cname}**

**As  $\{natid\} \subseteq \{natid, cname\}$ , then  $\{natid, cname\}$  is not candidate key and  $\{natid\}$  is a candidate key**

**Example-3: Employee(empno, name, birth\_date, address, city, telno, citizenship\_id)**

**empno, telno, citizenship\_id are possible candidate keys ???**

**Exercise:**

**Course (cid, cname, deptno)**

**Semester (sid, syyear, startdate)**

**ClassAllocation (sid, cid, sec#, building#, room#)**

**Identify candidate keys in each of the above relations**





# SUI NORTHERN GAS PIPELINES LIMITED

Plot 28-30 Sector I-9 Islamabad Ph: 9257710

Ejaz Ahmed  
H.No 20, St-9  
Sector G-13/1 Islamabad  
Sector G-13/1 Islamabad

What about CNIC?

ایمرجنسی یا گیس لکچ کی صورت میں ہیلپ لائن 1199 پر فوری رابطہ کریں۔  
مقررہ تاریخ تک عدم ادائیگی کی صورت میں گیس بغیر کسی نوٹس کے منقطع کی جاسکتی ہے۔  
Old Consumer No.  
Bill-Id. 002259883595 Batch #: 1159

Con's GST:

TARIFF: DOM-G

Co's GST: 03-91-9999-967-19

بھوالمیٹریٹ بینک	CONSUMER NO.		METER NO.	BILLING MONTH	ISSUE DATE	DUE DATE	
سرگرمی 12 of 2006 مورخہ	00225840123		GN27602316	Feb '14	04-03-2014	18-03-2014	
16-08-2006	PERIOD FROM		PERIOD TO	PREVIOUS-RD	PRESENT-RD	DIFFERENCE	
نے تمام بیلنگوں کا ہدایت جاری کی	28-01-2014		28-02-2014	775	957	182	
ہیں کہ پچھائی بلاز جمع کروانے	BOOK / PAGE NO.		GCV	PRES. / FACTOR	TEMP / FACTOR	SUPER. COMP	
واسطے معزز صارفین کو مندرجہ ذیل	7333-531 / 88		1040.935484	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
سہولیات کو پیش نظر رکھا جائے:			BTU/SCF				
سایہ دار بجلی کی فراہمی	GAS CONSUMED		1.820	MONTH	HM3	CURR-BILL	AMT. DUE
پینے کا پانی	MMBTU		6.724	Jan '14	1.180	1,065	1,060
پیشے کے لیے مناسب انتظام	GAS CHARGES		1,427.37	Dec '13	0.700	355	360
آگرمی صارف کو ان تمام باتوں میں	PROV.BILL		0.0	Nov '13	0.610	315	310
سے کوئی ایکہ بھی سہولت دستیاب	ADJUSTMENT		20.67	Oct '13	0.800	402	410
نہ ہو تو 1199 پر کال کر کے یا	METER RENT		246.17	Sep '13	0.430	227	220
http://www.sngpl.com.pk	GENERAL SALES TAX		0.00	Aug '13	1.020	509	510
پر شکایت کا اصرار کر دیا نہیں تاکہ	REBATE /		1,694.21	Jul '13	1.070	1,036	2,200
آپ کی شکایت کا بروقت ازالہ کیا	ADJUSTMENT		106.53	Jun '13	1.100	1,055	1,060
جاسکے۔	CURRENT BILL		0.0	May '13	0.840	399	410
کی گیس کارڈ کوئی نہیں لگائی	LATE PAYMENT		1060.81 / 1	Apr '13	0.000	13	10
(1) بیلنگ (2) قبضہ (3) بیلنگ کے	SURCHARGE			Apr '12	0.000	3,000	3,000
غلاف کوئی فراہم نہ ہو تو سہولتیں پیش کی	ARREARS / AGING						
رابطہ کرنے والے کوئی شکایتی کٹن اور دہائی							
اور کارڈائی سے مطمئن نہیں ہو تو دوبارہ رابطہ کریں							
	NOTICE		DISCONNECTION SENT				

Question: With one CNIC, there may be many consumer nos (houses/shops) , explain?

# Candidate Key during search

5 Medicine

STOCK\_NUMBER:  X

BRAND\_NAME\*:  X

GENERIC\_NAME:  X

MEDICINE\_TYPE:

STOCK\_TYPE:  01 01: Medicine, 02: Non medicine

MG\_ML:  MG UNITS\_PERITEM\*:  0

BARCODE:

DOSAGE\_DESC:

AVAILABLE\_STATUS:  Y Y/N UNIT\_TYPE:  T: Tablet, P: Pack/ Strip

Brand Name  X  para X

Find MANUFACTURER\*:  Enter Name for search

Exit

1:4U-4U Enterorise  
3:ABBOT-ABBOT  
36:ADAM JEE-ADAM JEE  
29:AGP-AGP  
180:AJMAL DAWAKHANA-AJMAL  
120:ALCON-ALCON  
122:ALLERGAN-ALLERGAN  
90:AMSON-AMSON

21: Others

Location:

New Save Manufacture List

5676 Remove

stock_nu	brand_name	generic_name	medicine_type	stock_ty	MG_ML	Barcode	Dosage_desc	available	m_name	manu
3902982	CALPOL 6 PLUS 90ML 1S	PARACETAMOL		01	MG			Y		1
3902985	DISPROL 90ML	PARACETAMOL		01	MG			Y		73
3901844	SAMEROL-N FORTE	PARACETAMOL + ORPHANADRIN	PK/10TAB		MG			Y		87
3901850	SAMEROL-N	PARACETAMOL + ORPHANADRIN	PK/72TAB		MG			Y		87
3903400	PANADOL TAB 500MG	PARACETAMOLE		01	MG			Y		1
3903401	PANADOL CF 500MG 100S	PARACETAMOLE		01	MG			Y		1
3903283	FEBROL DS 60ML	PARACETAMOL	BOT/120MG	01	MG					35
3901595	NUBEROL	PARACETAMOL BP & ORPHENAD	PK/100TAB		MG			Y		32
3901596	NUBEROL FORTE	PARACETAMOL BP & ORPHENAD	PK/15TAB		MG			Y		32
3900455	CALPOL SYP 100ML 1S	PARACETAMOL		01	ML			Y		1
3903285	TEMPRAMINE 60ML	PARACETAMOL		01						116
3902971	TEMPOL 60ML	PARACETAMOL	BOT/120MG		MG			Y		117
3902972	TEMPOL 6+ 60ML	PARACETAMOL	BOT/		MG			Y		117
3902973	FEBROL 60ML	PARACETAMOL	BOT/120MG	01	MG			Y		35
3902974	PANADOL SYRUP 100ML 1S	PARACETAMOL		01	MG			Y		1



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3902304	PANSLAY 50MG	EBASTINE	PK/20TAB/50MG	01	MG					114
3903400	PANADOL TAB 500MG	PARACETAMOLE		01	MG			Y		1
3903401	PANADOL CF 500MG 100S	PARACETAMOLE		01	MG			Y		1
3902974	PANADOL SYRUP 100ML 1S	PARACETAMOL		01	MG			Y		1
3902975	PANADOL DROP 20ML 1S	PARACETAMOL		01	MG			Y		1
3902305	PANSLAY 75MG	EBASTINE	PK/20TAB/75MG	01	MG					114
3902320	PANTOXAL-M 100S	FLUPENTHIXOL0.5 +MELITRACEN		01	MG					88
3905194	PANTENE ANTI-HARFALL 700ML			01		401560C		Y		194
3905195	PANTENE MILKY TRT 700ML			01		401560C		Y		21
3905196	PANTENE SMOOTH 700ML			01		541007E		Y		21
3905206	PANTENE SMOOTH 200 ML			01	MG	541007E		Y		194
3905207	PANTENE HAIR FALL 170 ML			01	MG	490243C		Y		194
3905208	PANTENE DEEP 200ML			01	MG	541007E		Y		194
3904091	PANADOL EXTRA 100S	PARACETAMOLE+CAFFINE		01	MG			Y		1
3905340	PANTENE GLOSSY 90ML			01		490243C		Y		208

# *Dependents*



For example: **Dependent** means family members (wife, son, daughter etc.), who depends on father. Father is an employee in some organization



# *Primary Keys*

A **primary key** is a candidate key selected as the primary means of identifying rows in a relation:

- There is one and only one primary key per relation

- The primary key is NOT NULL, UNIQUE

- The ideal primary key is short, numeric(alpha), indexed, fixed length and never changes

- The primary key may be a **composite key**



# *Primary Keys cont....*

A primary key is a minimal identifier that is used to identify tuples uniquely. This means that no subset of the primary key is sufficient to provide unique identification of tuples. NULL value is not allowed in primary key attribute.

Example:

■ **STU\_ID**

(Practically PK must have UNIQUE, NOT NULL, INDEXED on an attribute)

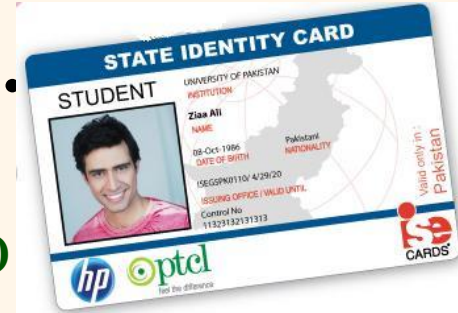
**STUDENT**

<b>STU_ID</b>	NAME	CID_ID	DOB	DEPTCODE
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Although, candidate keys are STU\_ID, CIT\_ID. Organization ITSELF issues its own identifier PK. PK is a property of an organization. Driving license# is a property of Ministry of Motors/ transportation, it must not be used PK in university or other organizations. It is a candidate key for other organization for search purposes.

Note: It is not recommended to create PKs for columns like Quantity, Salary, Price and column that has datatype DATE

# Primary Keys cont...



**Example-1:**

**STUDENT(StuID, FirstName, FamilyName, DOB, ...)**

**Example-2: Building (B#, BName, Location, Region),**

**B# is a primary key. Although, BName is unique, not null but it is not short.**

**Example-3: Customer (cname, citizenid, address, city, telno)**

**This relation indicates the information about personal details. There is a chance that cname is duplicated, some may have citizenid and telno as null. This forces us to introduce new a attribute such as cust# that would be a primary key.**

**Customer (cust#, cname, citizenid, address, city, telno)**

**Example-4:**

**BankBranch(Branch-Name, City, TotalAsset)**

**What will be a PK that you will suggest?**

**What is a candidate key?**

**Which attribute is unique**

**There may be many branches in one city then finalize this relation with possible constraints**

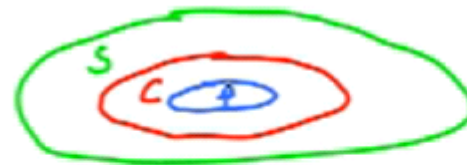
# Primary Keys cont...

**PK for this table**

**Do not make PK**

Entity/Set: VENDOR

VENDOR ID	V NAME	V STREET	V CITY	V STATE	V ZIP
V110	Jersey Vegetable Co.	2 Main St.	Patterson	NJ	07055
V25	General Provisions	125 Common St.	Boise	ID	44830
V250	Spices Unlimited	25 Salty Lane	East Hampton	NY	10027
V75	Pasta Supply, Inc.	34 Henry St.	Philadelphia	PA	09098



Primary Key is a Candidate Key  
Candidate is a Super Key





# *Primary Key Instances - Samples*

512235665  
610112654

Social Security Number  
(By Birth Asian, European, HomeLand)

2003389

Student ID (With Registration year)

DMM051  
JUB004

Product ID (with Manufacturing Loc, branches)

312668852369 Bank Account# (followed by Branch Code)

100211  
300411

SKU# (By Category) or a barcode

Serial#

Serial# starts with 1 and incremented by 1

005384  
007004

Company has many branches with code 005, 007 etc.,  
invoices issued from branches are recognized with branch codes



# Use of PK or Indexing

```
SQL> set timing on
SQL> select PATIENT_ID, max(PATIENT_VISITNO)
  2   from PATIENT_VISIT
  3   where PATIENT_VISITNO = (select max(PATIENT_VISITNO)
  4     from PATIENT_VISIT
  5     where DEPEND_SNO='0')
  6   group by PATIENT_ID
  7   having count(*)>=1;
```

PATIENT_ID	MAX(PATIENT_VISITNO)
9999993	1316

Elapsed: 00:00:00.12

```
SQL> select PATIENT_ID, max(PATIENT_VISITNO)
  2   from PATIENT_VISIT1
  3   where PATIENT_VISITNO = (select max(PATIENT_VISITNO)
  4     from PATIENT_VISIT1
  5     where DEPEND_SNO='0')
  6   group by PATIENT_ID
  7   having count(*)>=1;
```

PATIENT_ID	MAX(PATIENT_VISITNO)
9999993	1316

Elapsed: 00:00:11.54

SQL>

Table: PATIENT\_VISIT  
Index: Yes, PK  
Test Query execution time: less than 1 second

Table: PATIENT\_VISIT1  
Index: NO  
Test Query execution time: 12 seconds

```
SQL> select count(*) Total_Records
  2   from PATIENT_VISIT;
```

Total_Records
625721

Elapsed: 00:00:00.04

Client

Database

PRIMARY KEY ( PATIENT\_ID, DEPEND\_SNO, PATIENT\_VISITNO )



# *Surrogate Keys*

A **surrogate key** as an artificial column added to a relation to serve as a primary key:

- DBMS supplied

- Short, numeric and never changes – an ideal primary key!

- Has **artificial values** that are meaningless to users

- Normally hidden in forms and reports



# *Surrogate Keys cont....*

RENTAL\_PROPERTY without surrogate key:

**RENTAL\_PROPERTY (Street, City,  
State/Province, Zip/PostalCode, Country, Rental\_Rate)**

RENTAL\_PROPERTY with surrogate key:

**RENTAL\_PROPERTY (PropertyID, Street, City, State/Province,  
Zip/PostalCode, Country, Rental\_Rate)**

**Other examples include Invoice#, ComplaintRef#  
ATMTransaction (Card#, Serial#, Amount, DrawDate)**

# Surrogate Keys cont....



**Other examples include**

**Invoice#**

**ComplaintRef#**



**ATMTransaction (Card#, Serial#, Amount, TransDate, TransType)**

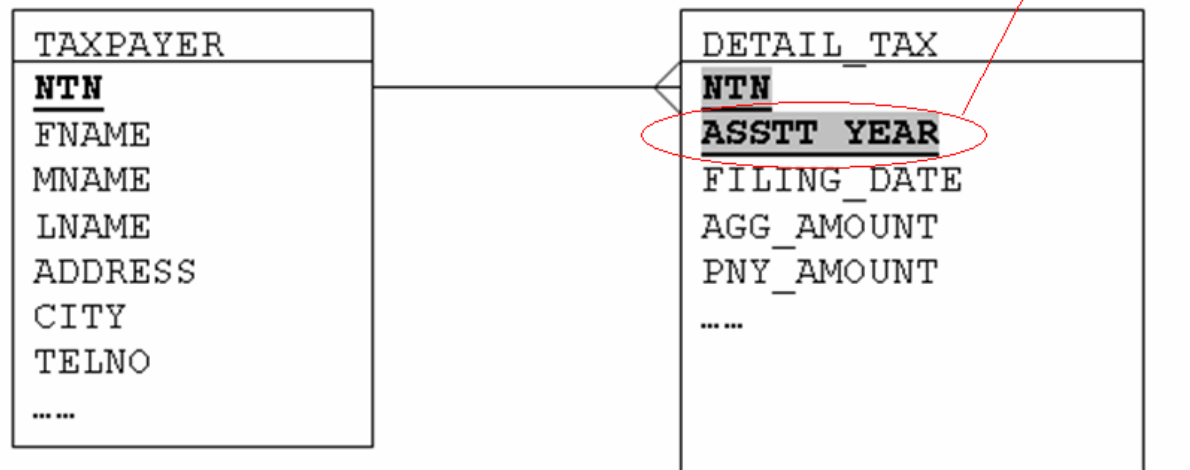
**InsurancePaid(Policy#, PaidYear, PaidDate, VehicleReg#, Amount)**

# ATM Transaction Sample

			 		
LOCATION: KING FAHED UNIVERSITY 954			DATE : 15/09/11		
TERM. ID: 0009549L03203596			TIME : 11:05		
ATM ID : 03596			ATM ID : EASTRG3003101313		
A/C NO : *****99940			CARD NUM : 588849*****8032		
AID : A0000002281010			APPL NAME: SPAN		
DATE	TIME	TRANS NO	APPL AID : A0000002281010		
25/09/11	09:33	571188	AL-TASHEILAT FUEL STATION		
CASH WITHDRAWAL	SAR	500.00	KOBAR		
TOTAL AMOUNT DEBITED TO ACCOUNT IS:			EASTERN REGION-DAMMAM		
SAR 500.00			STAN: 003775		
10% OFF OUR 4 PRODUCTS: CREDIT CARDS,			APPROVAL CODE: 739098		
PERSONAL LOAN, MORTGAGE AND AUTO LEASING			RRN 9393 CASH WITHDRAWAL		
YOUR NEW BALANCE IS:			SAUDI RIYALS 5,000.00		
SAR 20,263.74			YOUR BALANCE IS 7,141.64 SAR		
			THANK YOU FOR USING SPAN		

# Surrogate Keys cont....

A tax payer with primary key NTN pays tax every year and tax is assessed in next or later year called ASSTT\_YEAR. An assessment or taxpayer status is identified every time with NTN and ASSTT\_YEAR.



NTN and ASSTT\_YEAR are both primary keys in DETAIL\_TAX table, known as composite key of this table. NTN of DETAIL\_TAX table is a FK references to NTN of TAXPAYER table.

**Exercise:** What is different between PK and unique key?

**Exercise:** How to avoid that a record can be duplicated with all attributes other than PK attribute?

**Exercise:** Give three more examples from real life where composite keys can be applied

# Surrogate Keys cont....

<u>PatientID</u>	<u>Visit#</u>	Visit Date
-----	-----	-----
558741	1	...
558741	2	
558741	3	
...		
589210	1	
589210	2	
599211	1	
599211	2	
...		

Better Solution  
using composite keys

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PatientID	<u>Visit#</u>	Visit Date
-----	-----	-----
558741	1	...
558741	2	
558741	3	
589210	4	
589210	5	
599211	6	
599211	7	
...	...	
	830000	and more



# Example – End User View

Lab Requisitions - drjaved

REQId	REQ Desc	Status
1	HEMATOLOGY	

**Exit**

Add Update Remove

ID	Test Description	Ref. Range
1:	HEMATOLOGY:Y	
2:	BIOCHEMISTRY:Y	
3:	SEROLOGY:Y	
4:	HORMONES:Y	
5:	ANTENATAL:Y	
6:	URINE:Y	
7:	STOOL:Y	
8:	MICROBIOLOGY:Y	
9:	SEMEN:Y	
10:	MEDICAL CHECK-UPS:Y	
11:	OTHERS:Y	

REQId	REQ Desc	REQ Range	REF
22	Differential		1

SubReqId 22 ReqId Add Update Remove

SubLab req. id	Description	ReqId	Description:	Ref. Range
1:	CBC	20:	Hb : M 15.0 ± 2.0; F 13.5 ± 2.0 gm/dl	
2:	Coagulation Studies	21:	WBC : 4.0 – 10.0 x 109/L	
3:	Others Hematology	22:	Differential :	
		23:	Platelets : 140 – 400 x 109/L	
		24:	RBC : M 4.6 – 6.5; F 3.9 – 5.6 1012/L	
		25:	Hct : M 0.39 – 0.50; F 0.34 – 0.44	
		26:	MCV : M 81 -94; F 79 -91 fl	
		27:	MCH : M 27 -32; F 25 -31 pg	
		28:	MCHC : M 31 -35; F 30 – 34%	
		29:	Reticulocytes : < 2%	

REQId	SubReqId Desc
1	CBC

Add Update Remove

LABREQ	LABREQ_SNODESC	LABRE
38	Band Cell	22
39	Neutrophil	22
40	Lymphocyte	22
41	Monocyte	22
42	Eosinophil	22

03/11/2013 11:46:29 AM

Total Records: 11



# *Foreign Keys (FK)*

A **foreign key** is an attribute that refers to a primary key of same or different relation to form a link (constraint) between the relations:

- A foreign key can be a single column or a composite key
- The term refers to the fact that key values are *foreign* to the relation in which they appear as foreign key values
- Ideally Data type, Length/ Size of FK and referring PK must be same



# *Foreign Keys*

**NOTE:** The primary keys of the relations are underlined and any foreign keys are in *italics* in the relations below:

Name of FK column may be different from the name of referencing PK



**Example-1:**

**DEPARTMENT (DeptID, DepartmentName, BudgetCode, ManagerName)**

**EMPLOYEE (EmployeeNumber, EmployeeName, *DeptID*)**

# Customer-Orders



Invoice

Zoom 100%

Lloyds Chemist  
Street 87 G-13/1 Islamabad  
(051)230 6867

Inv#: 3 Date: 11/29/2013

Code	Med Description	Qty	Price	Amount
3906020	PANADOL	1	12.5	12.5
3900001	ALINAL DROPS	2	20	40
3906020	PANADOL	2	12.5	25
3900001	ALINAL DROPS	3	20	60
Total:				137.5
Disc.:				6
Net Total:				129.25

Refrigerator items are not refundable & exchangeable  
Please check all items as per your prescription  
Sig. :

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## Example-2:

**CUSTOMER**(CustId, Name, Address, Telno, Email)

**ORDERS**(Invoice#, InvType, InvDate, *CustomerId*)

**Can we call Invoice# as a Surrogated Key?**

**Does Invoice# always contain serial numbers?**

# Foreign Key with a Referential Integrity Constraint

- An attribute or a set of attributes within one relation that matches the candidate key (or PK) of some (possibly the same) relation.

## DEPARTMENT

<u>DEPTCODE</u>	DEPTNAME
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## STUDENT

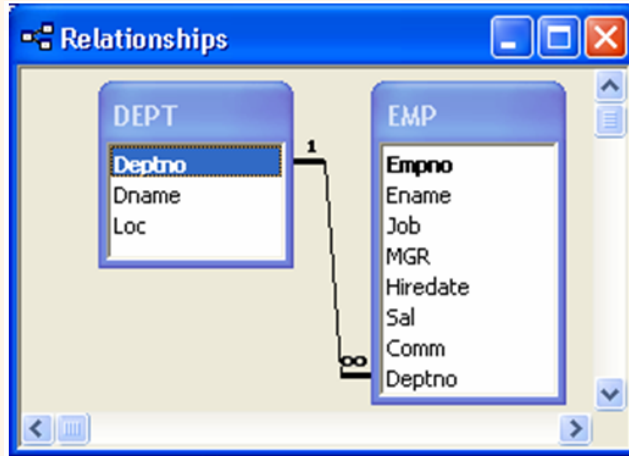
<u>STU_ID</u>	NAME	NAT_ID	DOB	DEPTCODE
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Foreign key

### How to use FK in SQL:

```
select d.deptname, s.name, s.DOB  
from Department d, Student s  
where s.deptcode = e.deptcode;
```

# Foreign Key with a Referential Integrity Constraint



Deptno is a PK in DEPT table\*

Empno is a PK in EMP table

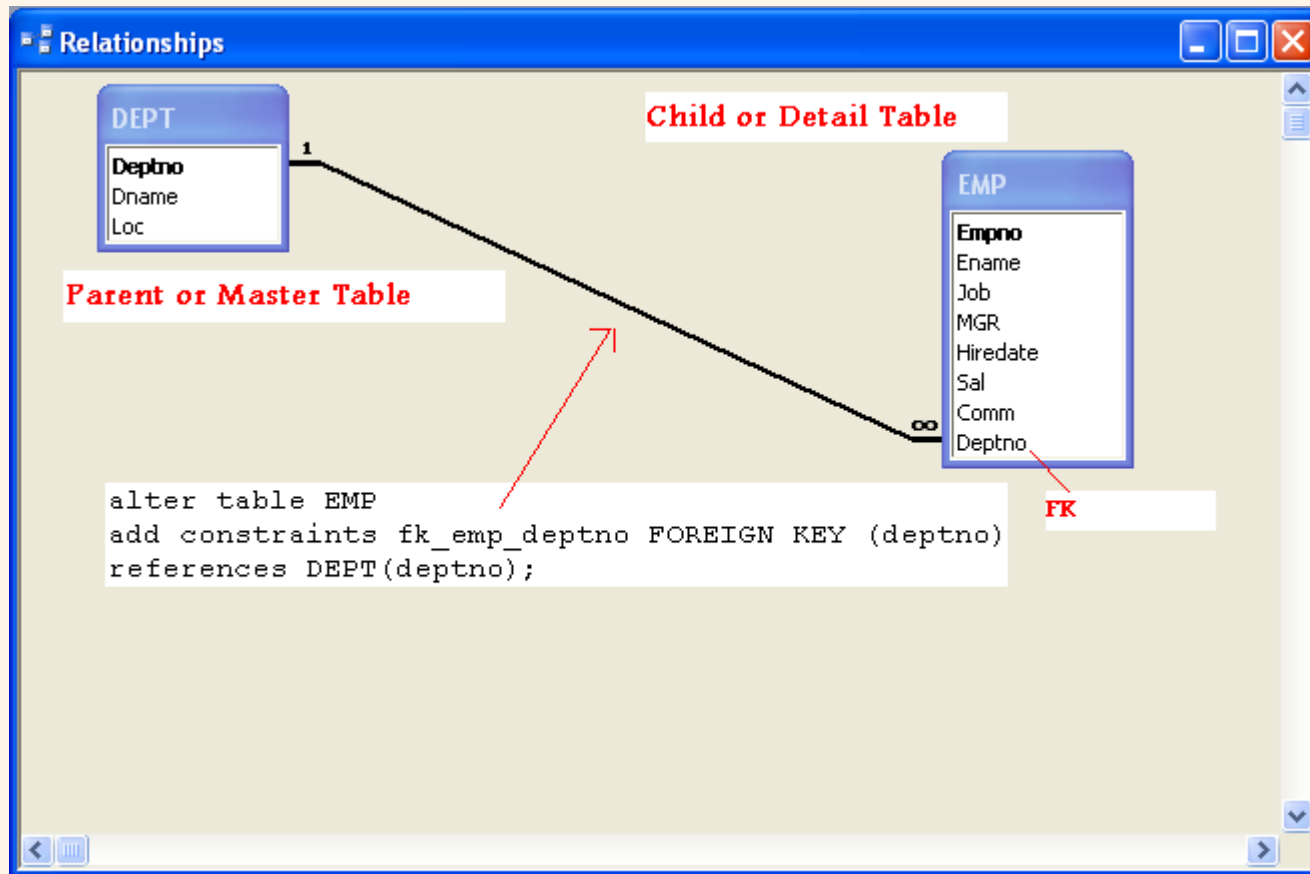
Deptno is a FK in EMP table\*

(it references to an attribute Deptno of DEPT table)

NOTE: An attribute within one relation that matches the key (Primary/same) in the same relation, is called recursive relation



# Creating Foreign Key in MS Access & Oracle



# *FK and Recursive Relationship*

**FK or Recursive Relationship**

**DEPT : Table**

Deptno	Dname	Loc
10	ACCOUNTING	NEW YORK
20	RESEARCH	DALLAS
30	SALES	CHICAGO
40	OPERATIONS	BOSTON
50	R & D	TORONTO

Record: 6 of 6

**EMP : Table**

Empno	Ename	Job	MGR	Hiredate	Sal	Comm	Deptno
7369	SMITH	CLERK	7902	17-Dec-80	800		20
7499	ALLEN	SALESMAN	7698	20-Feb-81	1600	300	30
7521	WARD	SALESMAN	7698	22-Feb-81	1250	500	30
7566	JONES	MANAGER	7839	02-Apr-81	2975		20
7654	MARTIN	SALESMAN	7698	28-Sep-81	1250	1400	30
7698	BLAKE	MANAGER	7839	01-May-81	2850		30
7782	CLARK	MANAGER	7839	09-Jun-81	2450		10
7788	SCOTT	ANALYST	7566	19-Apr-87	3000		20
7839	KING	PRESIDENT		17-Nov-81	5000		10
7844	TURNER	SALESMAN	7698	08-Sep-81	1500	0	30
7876	ADAMS	CLERK	7788	23-May-87	1100		20
7900	JAMES	CLERK	7698	03-Dec-81	950		30
7902	FORD	ANALYST	7566	03-Dec-81	3000		20
7934	MILLER	CLERK	7782	23-Jan-82	1300		10
7935	MILLER1	CLERK	7782	23-Jan-82	1300		



# Other Constraints Examples

Unique constraint can be applied on single or multiple columns

```
SQL> select * from dependent;
```

EMPNO	SNO	DEPNAME	DOB	BGroup	RelType
123456	1	Ali	12-OCT-87	O+	S
123456	2	Samia	03-OCT-89	A+	D
123456	3	Ali	12-OCT-87	O+	S
123456	4	Sarah	12-OCT-70	B+	W
003477	1	Ahmed	11-NOV-89	B+	S

Annotations: A red arrow points from the text "NOT NULL" to the DEPNAME column header. A blue arrow points from the text "CHECK (S, D, W, ...)" to the RelType column header. A red box highlights the first three rows of the table, with a red arrow pointing from the text "Duplicated Record" to the third row. A red arrow points from the text "UNIQUE" to the first two rows of the table.

```
alter table dependent  
add constraints uniq_dependent unique (empno, DepName);
```

CHECK (Max\_Participants >= Enrolled\_Participants)

CHECK (Deptno > 0)

CHECK (RelType IN ('S', 'D', 'W'))

Default 'Y'

Database Triggers