

CS203 DB Principals

IS206 Fundamentals of DB

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Chapter Five Database Design





Chapter Objectives

- Learn how to transform E-R data models into relational designs
- Practice the normalization process from Chapter 2
- Understand the need for denormalization
- Learn how to represent weak entities with the relational model
- Know how to represent 1:1, 1:N, and N:M binary relationships



Chapter Objectives (continued)

- Know how to represent 1:1, 1:N, and N:M recursive relationships
- Learn SQL statements for creating joins over binary and recursive relationships
- Understand the nature and background of normalization



Representing Entities with the Relational Model

- Create a relation for each entity
 - A relation has a descriptive name and a set of attributes that describe the entity
- The relation is then analyzed using the normalization rules
- As normalization issues arise, the initial relation design may need to change



Anomalies

- Relations that are not normalized will experience issues known as anomalies
 - Insertion anomaly
 - Difficulties inserting data into a relation
 - Modification anomaly
 - Difficulties modifying data into a relation
 - Deletion anomaly
 - Difficulties deleting data from a relation



Solving Anomalies

 Most anomalies are solved by breaking an existing relation into two or more relations through a process known as normalization



Definition Review

- Functional dependency
 - The relationship (within the relation) that describes how the value of a one attribute may be used to find the value of another attribute
- Determinant
 - The attribute that can be used to find the value of another attribute in the relation
 - The right-hand side of a functional dependency



Definition Review

- Candidate key
 - The value of a candidate key can be used to find the value of every other attribute in the relation
 - A simple candidate key consists of only one attribute
 - A composite candidate key consists of more than one attribute



Normal Forms

- There are many defined normal forms:
 - First Normal Form (1NF)
 - Second Normal Form (2NF)
 - Third Normal Form (3NF)
 - Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)
 - Fourth Normal Form (4NF)
 - Fifth Normal Form (5NF)
 - Domain/Key Normal Form (DK/NF)



Normalization

• For our purposes, a relation is considered normalized when:

Every determinant is a candidate key

[Technically, this is Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)]

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Denormalization

- Normalizing relations (or breaking them apart into many component relations) may significantly increase the complexity of the data structure
- The question is one of balance

 Trading complexity for anomalies
- There are situations where denormalized relations are preferred



Weak Entities

 For an ID-dependent weak entity, the key of the parent becomes part of the key of the weak entity



Representing Relationships

- The maximum cardinality determines how a relationship is represented
- 1:1 relationship
 - The key from one relation is placed in the other as a *foreign key*
 - It does not matter which table receives the foreign key



A One-to-One Relationship Example





One Representation of a One-to-One Relationship







SQL For a 1:1 Join

| SELECT | * |
|--------|-------------------------------------|
| FROM | LOCKER, EMPLOYEE |
| WHERE | LOCKER.EmpID = EMPLOYEE.EmpID; |
| | |
| SELECT | * |
| FROM | LOCKER, EMPLOYEE |
| WHERE | LOCKER.LockerID = EMPLOYEE.LockerID |



Mandatory One-to-One Relationships

- A mandatory 1:1 relationship can easily be collapsed back into one relation. While there are times when the added complexity is warranted...
 - Added security
 - Infrequently accessed data components
- ...very often these relations are collapsed into one relation



One-to-Many Relationships

- Like a 1:1 relationship, a 1:N relationship is saved by placing the key from one table into another as a foreign key
- However, in a 1:N the foreign key always goes into the many-side of the relationship



A One-to-Many Relationship Example



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Representing a One-to-Many Relationship





SQL For a 1:N Join

| SELECT | * |
|--------|--------------------------------------|
| FROM | DEPARTMENT, EMPLOYEE |
| WHERE | DEPARTMENT.DeptID = EMPLOYEE.DeptID; |



Representing Many-to-Many Relationships

- To save a M:N relationship, a new relation is created. This relation is called an *intersection relation*
- An intersection relation has a composite key consisting of the keys from each of the tables that formed it



A Many-to-Many Relationship Example





Representing a Many-to-Many Relationship





SQL For a N:M Join

| SELEC | Т | * |
|-------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| FROM | | SKILL, EMP_SKILL, EMPLOYEE |
| WHERI | E | SKILL.SkillID = EMP_SKILL.SkillID |
| | AND | EMP_SKILL.EmpID = EMPLOYEE.EmpID; |



Representing Recursive Relationships

- A *recursive relationship* is a relationship that a relation has with itself.
- Recursive relationships adhere to the same rules as the binary relationships.
 - 1:1 and 1:M relationships are saved using foreign keys
 - M:N relationships are saved by creating an intersecting relation



A Recursive Relationship Example





Representing a Recursive Relationship





SQL For a 1:1 Recursive Join

| SELECT | |
|--------|--|
| FROM | |
| WHERE | |

A.EmpID, A.EmpName as 'Manager', B.EmpID, B.EmpName as 'Worker' EMPLOYEE A, EMPLOYEE B A.EmpID = B.ManagerID;

Example results:

| EmpID | Manager | EmpID | Worker |
|-------|---------|-------|--------|
| 4 | Bryant | 1 | Jones |
| 4 | Bryant | 2 | Adams |
| 4 | Bryant | 3 | Smith |
| 5 | Dean | 4 | Brvant |



Cascading Behavior

- Cascading behavior describes what happens to child relations when a parent relation changes in value
- Cascading behaviors are defined by the type of operation
 - Cascade update
 - Cascade delete