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***Introduction to Database
and Data Models
- Relational Model***

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Referential Integrity Constraint (RIC)

- Def. A foreign key's values must appear in the parent relation's primary key!

Example:

- EMP(EMP#, Name, DOB, ...)
- COMPANYCAR(VIN, *EMP#*, Color, ...)
- The value found in *EMP#* in COMPANYCAR, must also appear in EMP# in EMP

RIC

- Referential Integrity – the requirement that the value placed in a Foreign Key must already exist in the table you are linking to (parent table)
- Most DBMSs enforce this automatically



RIC Example

EMP

EMP#	Name	DOB
1	Joe	12/15/1955
2	Jill	8/3/1967
3	Jim	9/12/1973

COMPANYCAR

VIN	EMP#	Color
556AA76541	1	Blue
3456FG8876	3	Yellow
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RIC Example

STUDENT(NID, Name, Major, *Building*,
Room)

DORMROOM(Building, Room, Phone)

- In this case: the values for Building and Room must be presented in “DORMROOM” Prior to being used in “STUDENT”

Special Cases

- Case 1: Strong entities
- Case 2: Weak entities
- Case 3: Super/Sub Class structures

Case 1: Strong Entities

- Most common case
- Create a relation for each entity that contain the entity's attributes
- Identify the Primary key (PK)
- Add any necessary foreign keys to indicate relationships between entities

Strong Entity Example



EMPLOYEE(EmpNo, Name, Address)
DEPT(DeptNo, DeptName, Location)

Case 2: Weak Entities

- An entity where an instance must be associated with another (strong) entity-instance in order to exist
 - Existence of weak entity instance depend on a strong entity instance
- Example: EMPLOYEES and DEPENDENTS
 - Dependents can not exist without a corresponding employee

Weak Entity Example



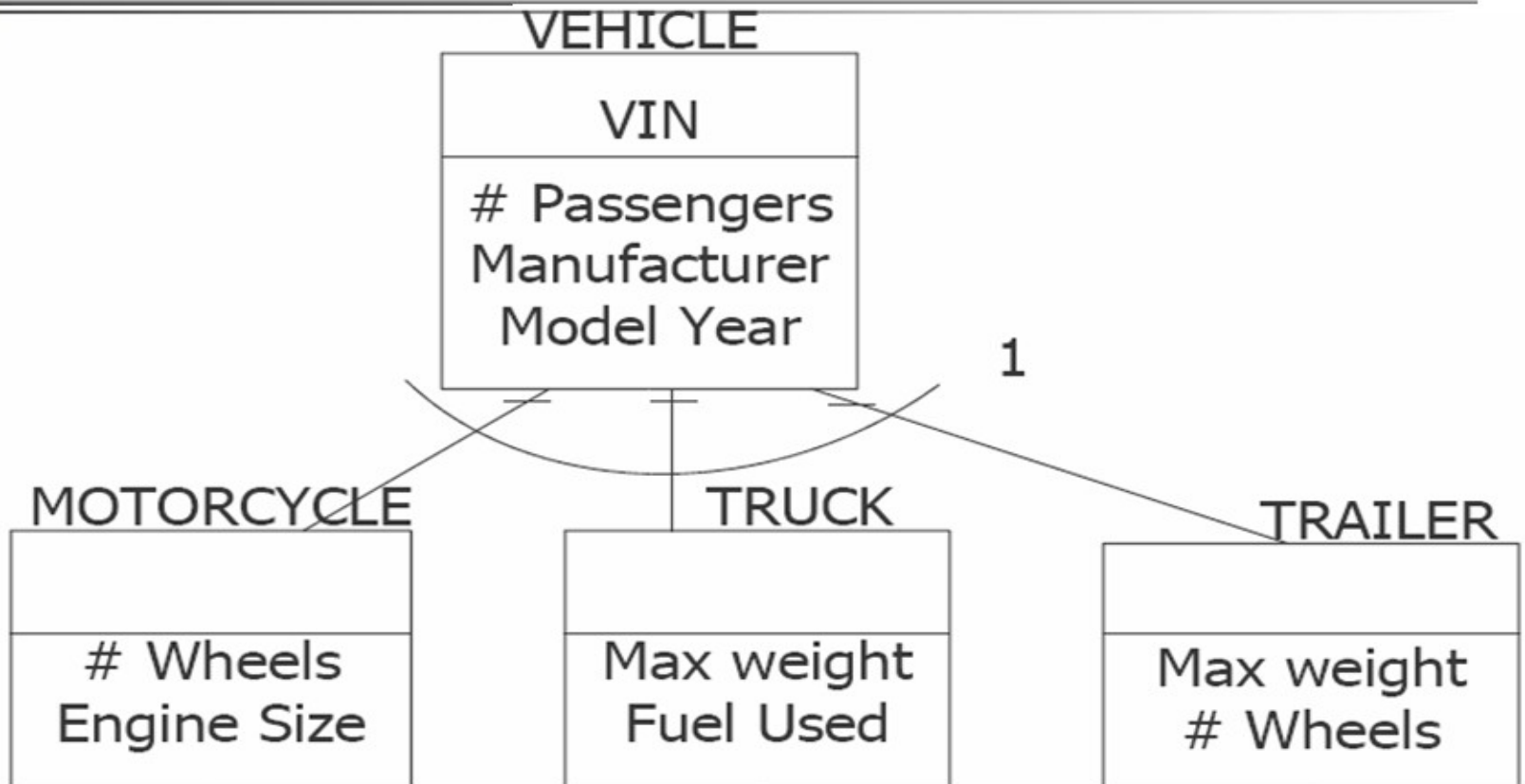
EMPLOYEE (EmpNo, Name,...)

DEPENDENT (EmpNo, Name,...)

Case 3: Super/Sub Class Structures

- Each entity becomes a relation
- All entities have the same primary key
- The primary key is shown in the parent relation (ERD)
- Child entities inherit attributes & relationships from parent entities
- Can be Top-Bottom or Bottom-Up

Super/Sub Class Structures



Super/Sub Class Structures

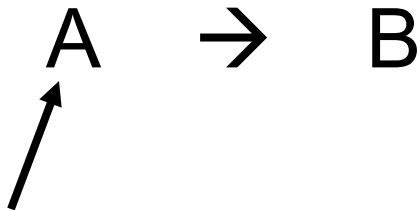
- VEHICLE(VIN, #Passengers, Manufacturer, Model, Year)
- MOTORCYCLE(VIN, #Wheels, EngineSize)
- TRUCK(VIN, MaxWeight, FuelUsed)
- TRAILER(VIN, MaxWeight, #Wheels)

Functional Dependency

- Foreign keys are used to show the relationships between entities
- Functional dependencies are used to show the relationships between attributes within a relation

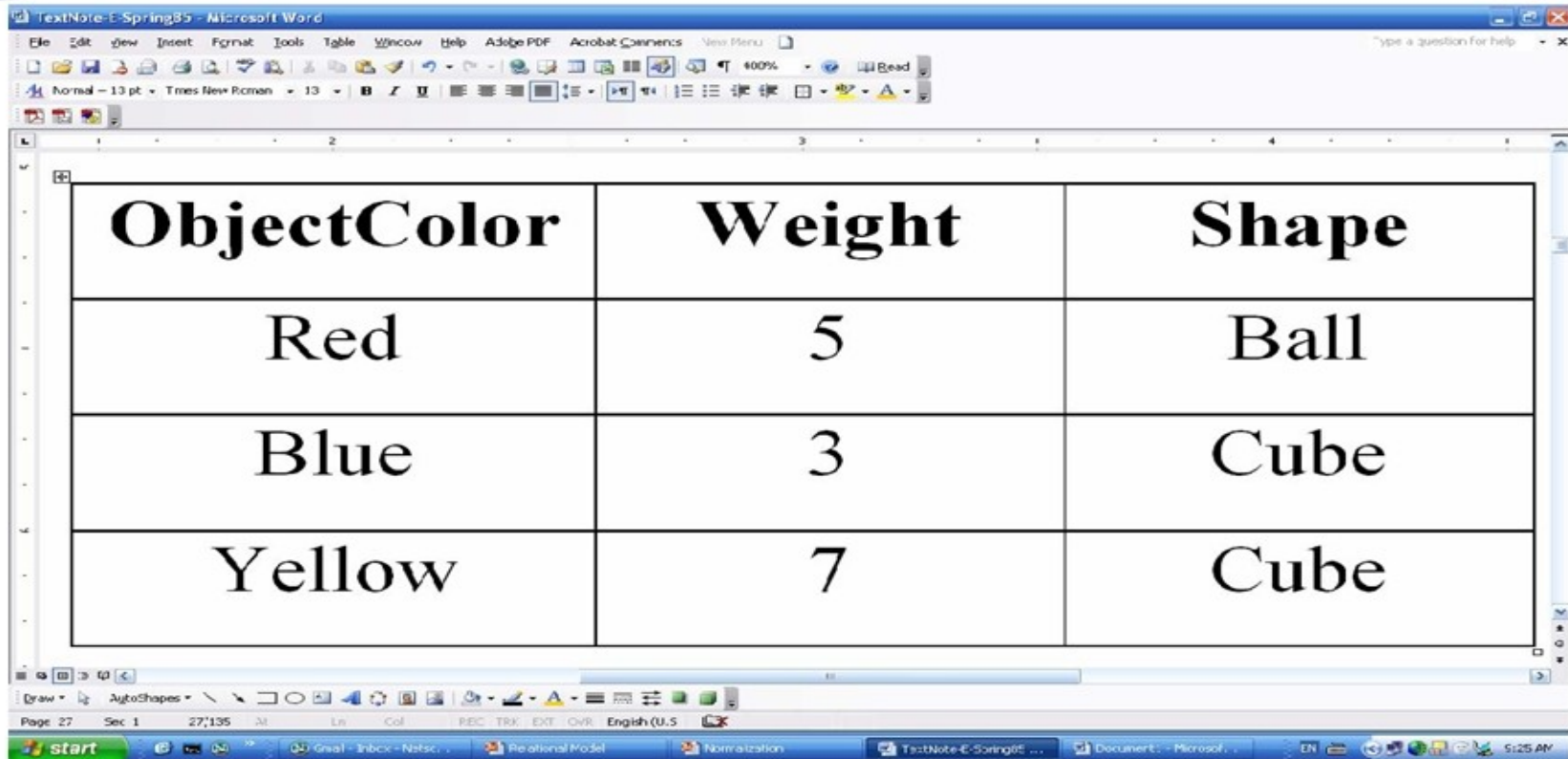
Functional Dependency

- Def: if an attribute (A) determines the value of another attribute (B), then 'A' functionally determines the value of 'B'

- Notation: $A \rightarrow B$


Determinant

Example



The image shows a screenshot of a Microsoft Word document titled "TextNote-E-Spring85". The document contains a table with three columns and three rows of data. The columns are labeled "ObjectColor", "Weight", and "Shape". The rows contain the following data:

ObjectColor	Weight	Shape
Red	5	Ball
Blue	3	Cube
Yellow	7	Cube

Rules for Functional Dependencies

- A set of attributes can form a functional dependency: $A, B, C \rightarrow D$
- Dependencies like $A \rightarrow B$, $A \rightarrow C$, and $A \rightarrow D$ can be abbreviated as

$A \rightarrow B C D$

Rules for Functional Dependencies

Transitivity

- Given $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow C$ in a relation, then $A \rightarrow C$
- This rule allows you to derive new functional dependencies from the existing ones



Functional Dependency Example

Name	DOB	Dept
Joe Smith	12/15/60	Acct
Bill Green	04/11/71	Acct
Joe Smith	12/15/60	Mgt
Tom Wu	08/23/73	Ship
Al Jones	12/15/60	Acct

What functional dependencies exist in this relation?

Determining Keys

- In many cases, the primary key and candidate keys are going to be determinants
- Look for the functional dependencies
- Look for determinants or sets of determinants that cover all of the non-determinant attributes in a relation

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In This Chapter

- What normalization is and what role it plays in database design
- Normal forms: 1NF, 2NF, 3NF, BCNF, (4NF, 5NF, DKNF)
- How normal forms transformed from lower normal forms to higher normal forms?

In This Chapter cont...

- That normalization and E-R modeling are used concurrently to produce a good database design
- That some situations require de-normalization to generate information efficiently

Review

Relations:

- Two dimensional data (tables)
- Cells must be single value
- Column names must be unique
- Columns must have the same data type
- Order of rows and columns is not relevant

Normalization

- Def. Decomposing relations to avoid anomalies when inserting, updating or deleting data
- Normalization Steps:
 - Every determinant in a relation must be a candidate key
 - If not, split relation into two or more new relations
- Also serves to reduce redundancy of data

Normalization and Database Design

- Normalization should be part of the design process
- E-R Diagram provides macro view
- Normalization provides micro view of entities
 - Focuses on characteristics of specific entities
 - May yield additional entities

Anomalies

- Redundancy: information repeated in multiple locations
- Update: failure to change all instances of a specific value
- Delete: delete data and lose other values as a side effect problem

Anomalies cont...

- Insert:
 - need to add data about multiple “themes”
 - adding rows may force users to add information about another

General Rule of Thumb:

a table should not pertain to more than one entity type

Example

EMPLOYEE 2

<u>Emp_ID</u>	Name	DepN	Salary	<u>Course</u>	Date
100	Margaret	Marketing	48000	SPSS	6/19/200X
100	Margaret	Marketing	48000	Surveys	10/7/200X
140	Alan	Account	52000	Tax Acc	12/8/200X
110	Chris	Info Sys	43000	SPSS	1/12/200X
110	Chris	Info Sys	43000	C++	4/22/200X
190	Lone	Finance	55000	C++	
150	Susan	Marketing	42000	SPSS	6/19/200X
150	Susan	Marketing	42000	Java	8/12/200X

Example Cont...

- Question - Is this a relation?
- Answer - Yes: unique rows

- Question - What's the primary key?
- Answer - Composite:
Emp_ID, Course_Title

Anomalies in this Table

- **Insertion** - can't enter a new employee without having the employee take a class
- **Deletion** - if we remove employee 140, we lose information about the existence of the "Tax Acc" course
- **Modification** - giving a salary increase to employee 100 forces us to update multiple records

Anomalies in this Table Cont...

Why do these anomalies exist?

- Because we've combined two themes (entity types) into one relation
- This results in duplication, and an unnecessary dependency between the entities

Normalization

- Addresses these anomalies by removing data redundancy
- We will cover the following types of normalization:
 - First Normal Form 1NF
 - Second Normal Form 2NF
 - Third Normal Form 3NF
 - Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)

Normalization Cont...

- There are several other forms of normalization which will not cover in this course:
 - Fourth Normal Form 4NF
 - Fifth Normal Form 5NF
 - Domain Key Normal Form (DKNF)

First Normal Form – 1NF

The table must meet the definition of a relation:

- No repeating groups
- Each cell hold a single value
- An attribute's entries are **all** of the same kind
- No two identical rows
- Unique names for each column
- Irrelevant order of rows and columns

First Normal Form Cont...

- If a table meets the criteria of being a relation, it is directly in 1NF

1NF:

- The simplest normal form
- Does little to reduce anomalies
- Is a required precursor to other normal forms

Second Normal Form – 2NF

- A relation is in 2NF if it is in 1NF and all of its non-key attributes are dependent on all parts of the PK or PK consists of only one attribute
 - No partial-dependency
- **Non-key attributes:** all attributes that are not PK or part of the PK
- **Dependent:** Attributes appear on the right side of a functional dependency

Second Normal Form Cont...

- This form really affects composite keys
- **Composite Keys:** Keys that are made up of multiple attributes

Example:

- DORMROOM(Building, Room, Phone)

Third Normal Form – 3NF

- A relation is in 3NF if it is already in 2NF and contains no transitive dependencies
- **Transitive Dependency**: an attribute is functionally dependent on another non-key attribute

Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)

In BCNF, every determinant in a relation should be a candidate key

- Determinant is an attribute whose value determines other values in a record
- 3NF table with one candidate key is already in BCNF

Denormalization

- Sometimes, normalizing a table make more work or cause problems
- In such cases, the following problems may occur:
 - Additional processes need to access data
 - Ambiguous data appear
 - Unknown data appear
 - Data entry become difficult
 - etc

Denormalization

- In such case, we can keep a table de-normalized
- Normalization is one of many database design goals
- Normalized table requirements
 - Additional processing
 - Loss of system speed

Denormalization

- Normalization purity is difficult to sustain due to conflict in:
 - Design efficiency
 - Information requirements
 - Processing

Denormalization

- Therefore, we can keep a table in its de-normalized form
- This is shown in the following example:
STUDENT(ID, Name, Street, District, Province)
- The **STUDENT** table is kept de-normalized

De-normalized Table Defects

- Data updates less efficient
- Indexing more cumbersome
- No simple strategies for creating views

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