

Database Systems

CMPT 308

- Lab 7: Normalization One - 20 points

Goals

To begin delving into the art and science of relational database normalization.

Scenario

You have been hired as a database consultant by Tycho Manufacturing. They wish to track the software packages installed on their station computers. Each computer is identified by an asset tag number. Each software package has a package ID. They would also like to track the installation date of each package on each computer, as well as the cost of that software for that computer **at install time**.

Initial Data

PackageID	TagNumber	InstallDate	SoftwareCostUSD
AC01	32808	09-13-2005	754.95
DB32	32808	12-03-2005	380.00
	37691	06-15-2005	380.00
DB33	57772	05-27-2005	412.77
WP08	32808	01-12-2006	185.00
	37691	06-15-2005	227.50
	57222	05-27-2005	170.24
WP09	59836	10-30-2005	35.00
	77740	05-27-2005	35.00

Deliverables

Part One: Tycho CEO Fred Johnson has put together a spreadsheet of all the data he has so far, which he personally collected.

1. As he shows you the spreadsheet, having just signed your consulting agreement, he asks what you think of it. How do you reply?
2. Put his data in 1NF and display it. (Show me the table; no SQL.)
3. What is the primary key?

Part Two: Add two columns of new data: one column for software package name (e.g., Zork, Portal, etc.) and one for computer model (e.g., IBM, Apple, etc.). Be sure that your new data is consistent with the original data. **Do not add any additional columns.**

4. Display the new table.
5. Identify and document all functional dependencies.
6. Explain why this new table is **not** in third normal form.

Part Three: Decompose your 1NF table into a set of tables that are in at least third normal form. (BCNF would be better.) Remember that it's wrong to add artificial keys to associative entities. Actually, as I said before, do not add any additional columns.

7. Identify all primary keys (determinants) for all tables.
8. Identify all functional dependencies for all tables.
9. Explain why the new tables are in third normal form.
10. Draw a beautiful E/R diagram using LucidChart. (Students can get free accounts.)

Resources

- Chapter 3 in our text
- www.LucidChart.com
- Microsoft on Normalization - <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/283878>

Submitting

Print your work and bring it to class on the day it is due. (Feel free to push it to your GitHub repository as well.) Remember to include your name and date. Neatness counts. Since we will be discussing this lab in class on the due date, no late submissions will be accepted.

