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# 6b. HW/Exam Review

CSCI 2541W Database Systems & Team Projects

Parmer (based on Wood)

# Today...

Exam Logistics

SQL HW Review

Normalization HW Review

# Exam Logistics

Wednesday starting at 12:45PM

Exam will be on computer

- multiple choice
- SQL

Class ends at 3:25PM

- You can use both periods if you need

**If you have a disability that affects your ability to complete the exam, contact me ASAP!**

# You...

may:

- Use 1 page (double sided) notes – cannot share notes
- Use normalization reference – print them out!

may not:

- Use a computer/phone/device to access any material not explicitly allowed by the exam – only the form, or vscode opening only the midterm's code.
- Discuss questions or get help from anyone else
- Do anything else which violates the course or GW's academic integrity policies

Violating these policies will have severe consequences, including **failing** the course

# Suggestions

## Make your own notes

- Explain the core concepts to yourself by rewriting in your own words
- Writing out your own version of the key rules (2NF vs 3NF, lossless decomposition rules, etc) will help you fully understand them!
- Try to solve the homework problems without looking at solutions

## Be an efficient test taker

- Assume you might not finish, and triage
- Focus first on the sections you are most confident with
- Don't waste too much time on any one question

# Schema for Bank database:

Customer (CustID, Name, street, city, zip)

- Customer ID, Name, and Address info: street, city, zip

Deposit (CustID, Acct-num, balance, Branch-name)

- Customer ID, Account number, Balance in account, name of branch where account is held;

CustID is foreign key referencing Customer.

- Branch-name is foreign key referencing Branch relation

Loan (CustID, Loan-num, Amount, Branch-name)

- Customer ID, loan number, amount of loan; CustID is foreign key referencing Customer relation;
- Branch-name is foreign key referencing Branch relation.

Branch (Branch-name, assets, Branch-city)

- Name of the branch (unique name), assets in dollars, and the city where the branch is located.

Next: SQL Queries

# Schema for Company DB

## Employee

- Connects to Department by Dno

## Department

- Connects to Employee with Mgr\_ssn

## Dept\_locations

- Connects to department

## Project

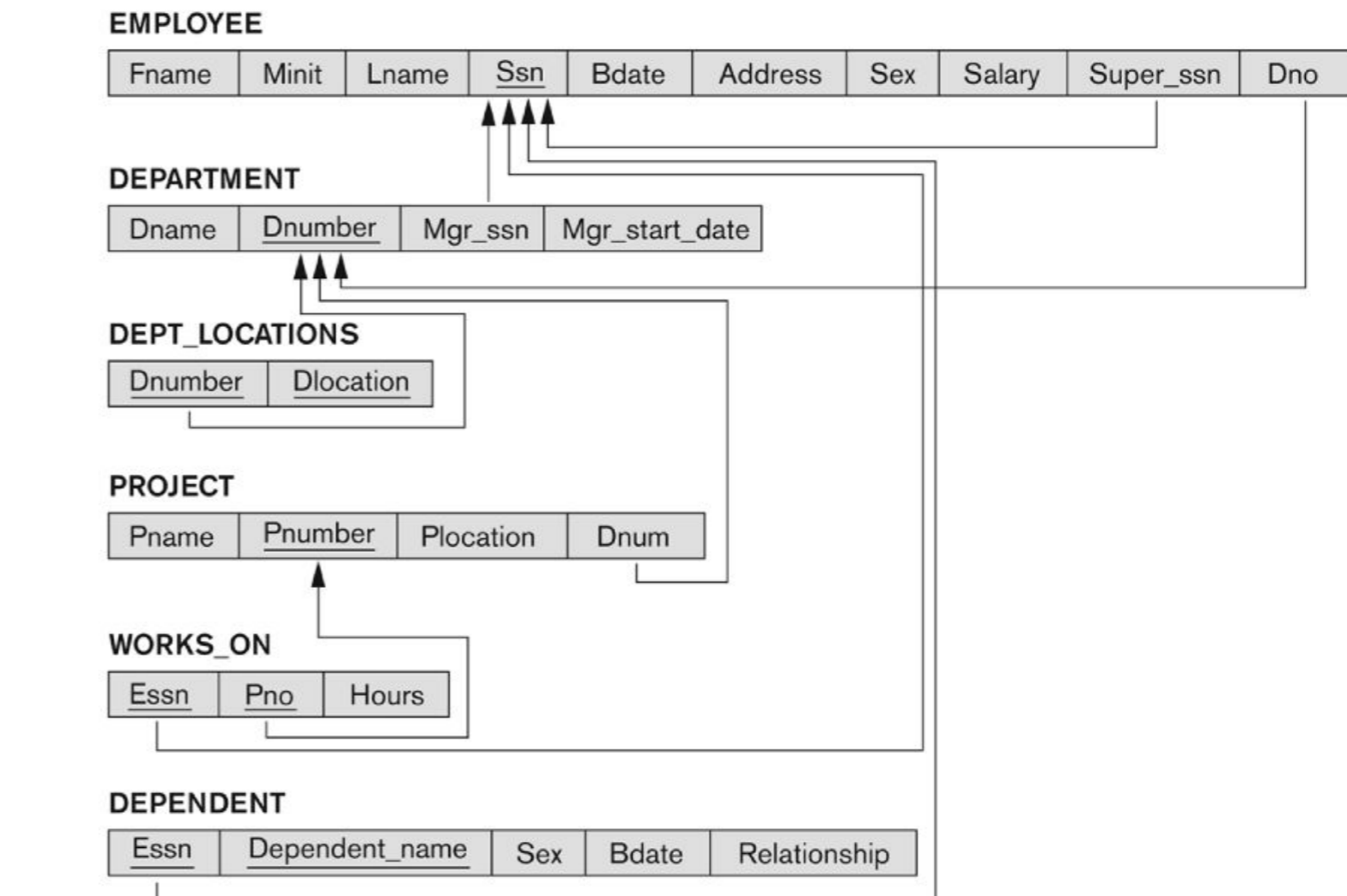
- Connects to Department

## Works\_On

- Connects from Employee to Project

## Dependent

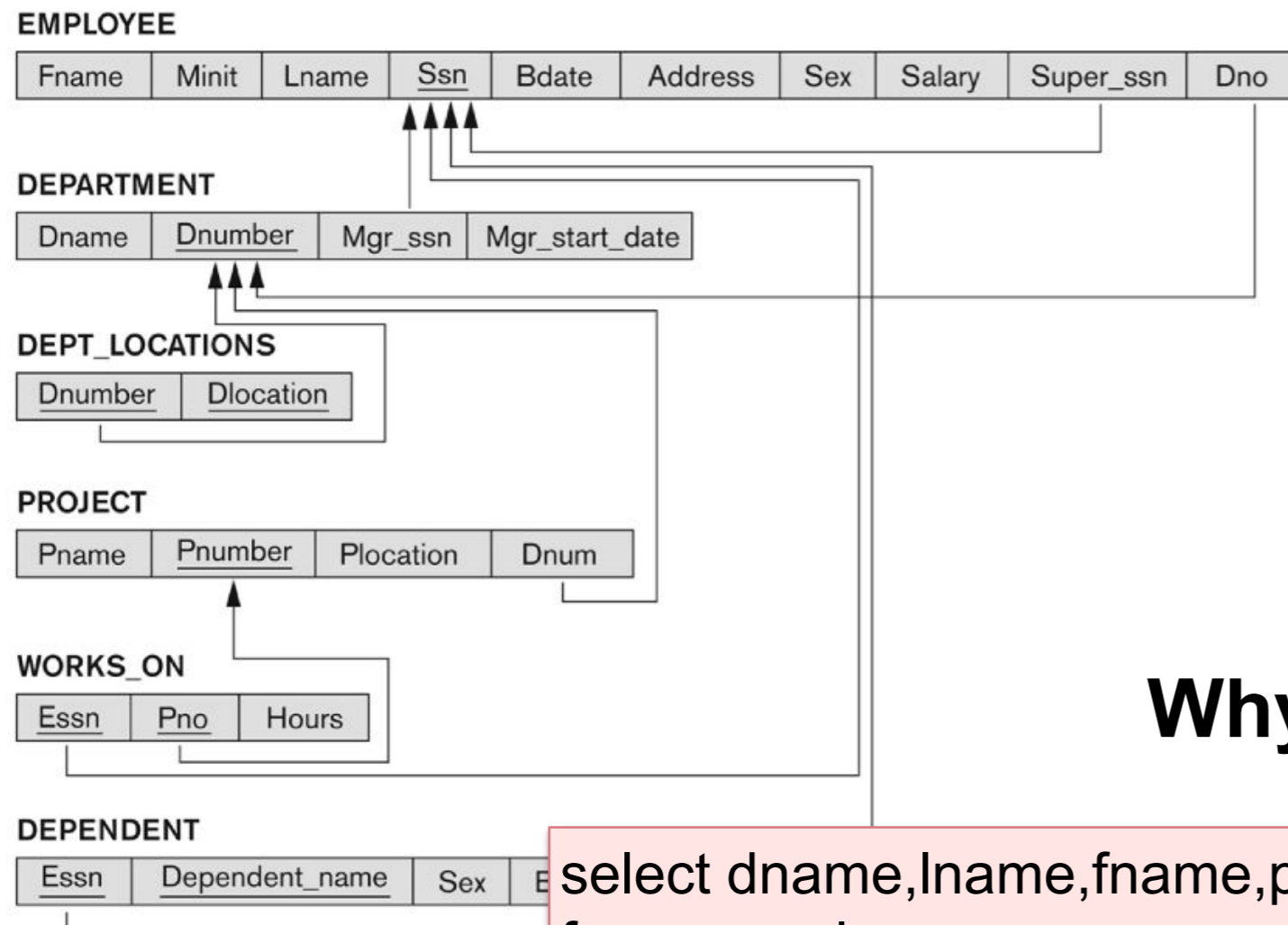
- Connects to Employee





# SQL HW

7. Retrieve the list of employees, the projects they are working on, and their salary.



**Why is this wrong?**

```
select dname,lname,fname,pname,salary
from employee
JOIN department on department.dnumber=employee.dno
JOIN project on project.Dnum = Employee.dno;
```

# SQL HW

7. Retrieve the list of employees, the projects they are working on, and their salary.

Just because a project is in a department, doesn't mean that employee works on it! Need to join using the works\_on table.

```
select dname,lname,fname,pname,salary
from department
JOIN employee on department.dnumber=employee.dno
JOIN works_on on works_on.essn = employee.ssn
JOIN project on project.pnumber = works_on.pno
```

# Complex Queries

Sometimes you need a subquery within a query

```
SELECT name FROM
instructors
WHERE rating = (
  SELECT rating
  FROM instructors
  WHERE name = 'Wood'
);
```

```
SELECT name
FROM city
WHERE country_id IN (
  SELECT country_id
  FROM country
  WHERE population > 20000000
);
```

Or you need to combine results from queries

– UNION, INTERSECT, EXCEPT

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SELECT DISTINCT name FROM instructors
EXCEPT
SELECT DISTINCT name from students;
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```

Only a single  
result

```
SELECT name  
FROM city  
WHERE country_id IN (  
  SELECT country_id  
  FROM country  
  WHERE population > 10000000  
);
```

“Set” of results  
NOT IN works too!

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# Practice!

Review HW3!

Engage!

- Write a DB query problem and post on Discord in #participation-points!

Any other questions on SQL?

Next: Normalization

# Normal Forms - more definitions

2NF: A schema is in 2NF if

- No nonprime attribute is partially dependent on the candidate key (i.e., depends on only part of a candidate key)
- *No dependencies from a subset of the primary key*

3NF: A schema is in 3NF if (it is 2NF and)

- no nonprime attribute is transitively dependent on the primary key (LHS must be a full key, unless RHS is a key)
- *No dependencies between non-prime attributes*

BCNF: A schema is in BCNF if (it is in 3NF and)

- LHS must be a super key
- *No dependencies between prime attributes*

# Normalization - Finding Keys

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Candidate Key is AB since:

$AB \rightarrow C$  and

$AB \rightarrow C \rightarrow D$

so, with AB we can determine all attributes

Normal form is 2NF since  $C \rightarrow D$  violates 3NF

# Decomposition

Q6 Suppose we decompose Relation **R5** into two tables, **R51** and **R52**:

- **R51** = (A, B, D, E)
- **R52** = (A, B, C)

Will this be a loss-free decomposition, i.e., will we still be able to reconstruct all data by joining the two tables together? What normal form will \*R51\* and \*R52\* be in?

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A → C

BD → C

ABD → E

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(from normalization lecture 2)

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- **$(R1 \cap R2) \rightarrow R1 - R2$**
- **$(R1 \cap R2) \rightarrow R2 - R1$**

**R5 = (A, B, C, D, E)**

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**R5 = (A, B, C, D, E)**

**A → C**

**BD → C**

**ABD → E**

**R51 ∩ R52 = AB**

**R51 - R52 = DE**

**R52 - R51 = C**

**AB → C is part of F+**

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BD → C

ABD → E

R51 is 3NF/BCNF since only ABD → E holds and ABD is the full candidate key  
R52 is 1NF since A → C holds and A is a partial candidate key, so it cannot be 2NF

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**How can we decompose and ensure 3NF for all relations?**

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**How can we decompose and ensure 3NF for all relations?**

$R5 = (\underline{A}, \underline{B}, C, \underline{D}, E)$

$A \rightarrow C$

$BD \rightarrow C$

$ABD \rightarrow E$

R51 is already 3NF

To fix R52 we could use

$R53 = (\underline{A}, C)$

This must be 3NF

$R51 \cap R53 = A$

$R51 - R53 = BDE$

$R53 - R51 = C$

$A \rightarrow C$  is part of  $F_+$



Any other questions on Normalization?

Next: Shopping Cart

# Shopping Cart Tips

## Carefully read spec

- Make a list of tasks and workflows to test

## Implement the tables from our ER diagram

## Plan mockups of pages you will need

- Start with simplest requirements!
- Don't worry about making it pretty until later

## If your code won't run... fix it!

- Don't try to write a lot of code without testing