

**Format: 45 Multiple Choice**

**5 solutions:** 2 normalization skills  
1 ERD  
2 SQL examples: create table  
Select query

**ERD**

- ⇒ Conceptual view (abstract)
- ⇒ Top-down approach – macro view
- ⇒ Be able to identify & construct key components
  - Entity
  - Relationship
  - Connectivity
  - Cardinality
  - Bridge entity
  - Weak entity
- ⇒ Approaches
  - Chen, Crow's foot, etc...
- ⇒ Works in complimentary fashion with normalization
- ⇒ Focus is entity definition and the proof that they belong in database
  - Proof is the relationship
- ⇒ Rules based on model
  - M:N OK at first but not allowed in Relational model
- ⇒ Types of relations
  - Unary
  - Binary
  - Ternary

**Normalization**

- ⇒ Goal is to control redundancy
  - Existence of relationships makes it impossible to eliminate
- ⇒ Focus is table definition and construction
  - Entities breed tables
  - Tables subsequently create additional relationships
- ⇒ Micro view of database
- ⇒ Bottom-up approach (detailed to abstract)
- ⇒ Guidelines
  - 1NF
    - First normal form identifies the key(s)
      - Prime attributes = keys
      - Non-prime attributes = non key values

- Creates dependency diagram to show the dependencies
      - Transitive & partial
    - In keys: eliminate nulls & repeating groups
  - 2NF
    - Only applies when there is a composite key
    - Goal here is to eliminate partial dependencies
      - Typically results in creating new tables
  - 3NF
    - Realistic end point in traditional normalization
    - Elimination of transitive dependencies
      - Dependencies of non-prime to non-prime
    - Look to resolve issues with atomicity & derived attributes
    - Traditional end point of de-normalization
  - BCNF – 4NF – 5NF
    - Largely theoretical
    - Database purist would go here but due to issues with performance and practical use
      - De-normalize back to 3NF
- ⇒ Finalize table structure
- Define attributes
    - Naming conventions
    - Atomicity
    - Derived?
    - Data types
      - CHAR
      - VARCHAR
      - INTEGER
      - NUMERIC
      - DATE
    - Define keys

## SQL

- ⇒ Database language used to physically create & maintain the database
- ⇒ 4<sup>th</sup> generation language
- Non-procedural
- ⇒ Categories of SQL
- DDL
    - Data definition used to create tables & indexes
      - Index used to facilitate searching and selection
      - Table of values and pointers
        - Potential overhead
    - Primary Key create
    - Foreign key creation is in table

- Provides the basis for relationship
  - CASCADE constraint
- DML
  - Basis for data manipulation
  - Rules of precedence in arithmetic calculations
  - Common commands
    - Insert
    - Join
    - Update
    - Select
      - Where – Order By
      - LIKE (partial Where – Wildcard -- % or \*)
- DCL
  - Data control, used for security and administration
- ⇒ Dialects
  - SQL has an ANSI standard but there are differences among the various DBMS's
- ⇒ Syntax
  - Begins with SQL command/keyword and ends with semi-colon ;
- ⇒ Examples

- Create table

```
CREATE TABLE ccri_std (
  c_ID char(4) not null,
  c_lname varchar(20) not null,
  c_fname varchar(15) not null,
  c_city varchar(20),
  c_state char(2),
  c_billamt currency,
  c_billDT date,
  Primary key (c_ID));
```

- Select

```
SELECT * FROM employee
ORDER BY salary DESC;
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```
SELECT name, salary from employee
WHERE emp_type = "G";
```

- Join

```
SELECT Client.ClientName, Booking.TripDate,  
Booking.People  
FROM Client INNER JOIN Booking ON  
Client.[Client#] = Booking.[Client#];
```