

Normalization Steps
Database Normalization (art and science)
"Single-theme tables"

All non-key attributes should depend upon the key, the whole key, and nothing but the key

1. depend upon the key: **define primary key, remove repeating groups/arrays (atomicity)**
2. the whole key: **remove partial dependencies (only if composite key)**
3. nothing but the key: **remove transitive dependencies** (no dependencies on non-key attributes)

1NF:

1. Identify PK
2. Eliminate repeating groups/arrays (atomicity: no multi-valued attributes, single fact at the intersection of each row and column)

Note: Identify dependencies for further normalization

2NF:

1. 1NF
2. remove partial dependencies
 - a. identify key components
 - b. assign dependent attributes

3NF:

1. 2NF
2. remove transitive dependencies
 - a. identify determinant of transitive dependency (TD) as PK new table
 - b. identify dependent attributes
 - c. remove dependent attributes from TD, become nonkey attributes in new table

Note: During 1NF identify dependencies for further normalization