

Normalization in DBMS

Normalization is the process of organizing the data in the database. Normalization is used to minimize the redundancy from a relation or set of relations. It is also used to eliminate undesirable characteristics like insertion, update and Delete Anomalies.

Normalization breaks the larger table into smaller and links them using relationships.

Normal form is used to reduce redundancy from the database table.

Advantages of Normalization

- (i) Eliminates data Redundancy.
- (ii) Ensures data integrity using key constraints like primary key and foreign keys.
- (iii) Reduce functional dependencies.
- (iv) Improves performance by avoiding unnecessary redundant data.
- (v) Reduces the chances of occurrence of data anomalies.
- (vi) facilitates data integration.
- (vii) Simplifies table structure.

Disadvantages

- (i) proper implementation of normalization requires expert knowledge of database design and the normalization process.
- (ii) careless data decomposition may lead to data loss.
- (iii) time consuming process to decompose into higher normalization forms.

un-normalized Table

Teacher_Name	T_Subjects	T_Age	T_Address
Ram	math, physics	26	pokhara
shyam	English	28	kailali
Hari	Nepali	29	ktm

1NF:

- All the attribute values should be an atomic.
- No repeating groups in the table

Teacher_Name	T_Subjects	T_Age	T_Address
Ram	math	26	pokhara
Ram	physics	26	pokhara
shyam	English	28	kailali
Hari	Nepali	29	ktm

2NF:

- Remove partial dependencies.
- Table should be in 1NF
- Introduce primary key & foreign key to remove functional dependency.

key

T-ID	Teacher_Name	Age	Address
1 Ram	Ram	26	Pokhara
2 shyam	shyam	28	kailali
3 Hari	Hari	29	ktm

key

T-ID	T_Subjects
1	math
2	physics
3	English
	Nepali

exist transitive functional dependency.

3NF

- Tables should be in 2NF.
- Remove transitive dependencies.

T-id	T-subjects
1	math
1	physics
2	english
3	Nepali

Subjects-ID	T-Subjects
math	i
physics	ii
english	iii
Nepali	iv