CS 3743
Introduction to Database Systems
Project

In this project, you will design and implement a database application in stages. You will identify
an application in the real world, design a conceptual database scheme, specify it to a commercial
database management system, insert data, write interactive queries and update the database using
SQL, create constraints and triggers, write application programs using JAVA/JDBC and PL/SQL
and create a web interface for the database.

You can work on teams of two to three. Form your teams as soon as possible. All the team
members will get the same grade for the project. The project is divided into four stages. Each
stage has a separate due date. No late projects are accepted. You should complete each stage on
time.

The project consists of the following stages

3. Create, populate and query your database.
4. Database programming using PL/SQL, Pro*C/C++ or Java/JDBC

1 Conceptual Design: Due Monday, February 18

Identify a real world application. Your application should support multiple types of users and
multiple activities per user. Following is a list of application domains that can give you an idea.

- **Movies:** Maintain information on actors, directors, genres, playing times, movie theaters.
  You might have queries such as “Find movies directed by X” or “Find movies in which actor
  Y” appears. Check out the webpage http://www.imdb.com to get an idea of what can be
done.

- **Apartments:** Maintain information on apartments and their properties. You can provide
  an interface for offering apartments for rent or finding apartments. Check out the webpage
  http://www.rent.com to get an idea of what can be done.

Submit the following for the first stage.

1. **Cover Page:** Find a title for your project. Write the title of team and the team members on
   the cover page.

2. **Description of the application:** Describe the types of users and functions supported for each
   user. For example, consider a university domain. Types of users include students, faculty
and staff. Students can register for classes, view course information and their grades. Faculty has access to course list and assign grades to students. Staff at fee office can access financial information about students. Your application must be broad enough to support multiple types of users and wide range of activities.

3. **Queries:** List in english 10 nontrivial queries on your database.

4. **Potential data sources to populate your database:** Investigate how you can get data to populate your database. Using real world datasets are preferable since they correspond to real world database applications. SQL has a utility to load data from delimited text files to your database. Your data sources could be text files with attributes separated by some marker such as space or comma.

## 2 E-R Diagram, Mapping to relational model and normalization: Due Wednesday, March 20

In this stage, you will create an E-R diagram for your application, map your E-R diagram onto relational model and normalize the relations.

- **E/R Diagram of your database:** Formulate a requirement list for your application and draw the E/R diagram for the application. If there are rules that can not be specified using E/R diagram, list them on a separate piece of paper.

- **E/R to Relational Mapping:** Use the mapping algorithm to translate your diagram into relational schema.

- **Functional Dependencies:** For each relation specify a set of functional dependencies based on semantics of the data. You should use knowledge of application domain to identify the functional dependencies.

- **Normalize Tables:** For each relation identify its normal form. For relations not in BCNF, perform the normalization. Your normalized tables should satisfy **lossless join** and **dependency preserving** properties. If you fail to normalize to BCNF with lossles join and dependency preserving properties, then normalize to 3NF.

Submit the following for the second stage.

1. E/R or EER Diagram

2. Final relational schema of your database. For each relation, list the set of functional dependencies that the relation satisfies. List all the candidate keys and the primary key. Indicate the normal form of each relation and the foreign keys.

3. List any constraints that your application requires, but can not be specified directly in the relational schema.
3 Create, Populate and Query Your Database, Due April 15

In this stage, you create a relational database for your application using oracle, load the data into the database and write queries for your database.

- **Define Schema using Oracle:** Use SQL DDL statements to create the relational schema. Use various Oracle data types in your tables. Specify primary and foreign keys. Save the SQL DDL statements in a .sql file and run it from within SQL*PLUS to create tables.

- **Load Data to Your Database:** You should use Oracle SQL*LOADER to populate tables with your application data. Provide enough data so that complex queries will not always result in empty answers. For tables that are likely to be involved in multi-table SQL queries, insert tuples that will actually join.

- **SQL Queries:** Write and test at least 10 nontrivial queries on your database. Your queries should reflect typical use of your database. You should have at least one query of the following types.
  1. Multiple table query.
  2. Correlated nested query.
  3. Uncorrelated nested query.
  4. Query using union, intersect and minus.
  5. Query using exist, not exist, in, not in, all.
  6. Query using aggregate functions, group by, sort by and having.

- **Database Updates:** Use SQL to make at least one update of the following types.
  1. Insert single tuple to a table.
  2. Delete single tuple from a table.
  3. Delete tuples from a table using a query.
  4. Update single tuple from a table.
  5. Update tuples from a table using a query.

Submit the following for the third stage.

1. Printout of the SQL script that you use to create tables.

2. Printout of SQL*LOADER control files that you use to load your data

3. A spool file that illustrate a session in which you successfully created your database and loaded the data into your database.

4. List of your queries. Both in english and in SQL.

5. Spool file that illustrates successful completion of your queries and updates. For updates, show the relevant data before and after the update.
4 Database Programming: Due May 3

In this stage, you have three options to choose from. You can implement a web-based interface for your application, develop a PL/SQL package for your application or develop a smartphone application. In addition, you should write a two page summary of the project and address the following in the summary.

1. How well does the final product match your initial design?
2. Comment on earlier stages. Is there anything that you haven’t done properly in earlier stages that cost you time later on in the project?
3. Did the project help you learn the course better?
4. Possible future extensions for the project.

4.1 Implement Web-based Interface

Provide a friendly user interface. Your interface should let users search the database, insert data into the database, update the database and delete data from the database. You should facilitate multiple-table queries in your program. You should support multiple types of users in your interface. You could use any software and tools you want for web-based interface.

Submit the following if you choose this option

1. Snapshots of your user interface.
2. Hardcopy of code for user interface.
3. Explain how you support multiple user types.

4.2 Implement a PL/SQL Package

Implement a PL/SQL package to implement some functionality of your application. PL/SQL package developed should satisfy the following properties.

1. At least 1 function should be implemented.
2. At least 1 procedure should be implemented.
3. At least 1 subprogram should use a cursor.
4. You should handle exceptions and errors.
5. Each table of your application should have a subprogram that queries it.

Submit the following if you choose this option

2. Script showing that PL/SQL package compiles and works.
3. Explain how you satisfy above properties.
4.3 Implement a Smartphone Application

Develop a smartphone app that lets users search the database, insert data into the database, update the database and delete data from the database. You should facilitate multiple-table queries in your application. You should support multiple types of users in your application. You could use any software and tools you want for the application.

Submit the following if you choose this option

1. Snapshots of your application.
2. Hardcopy of code for your application.
3. Explain how you support multiple user types.