

Keys

1. Super Key: one or more attributes whose values uniquely determine each entry (these attributes must be Key)
Note: \exists one or more Key // set of all the attributes is the Primary Key
2. Candidate Key: Super Key without redundancies
 \Rightarrow minimal super Key
 - * Candidate Key can be a super Key but Vice Versa is not accepted.
 - * Several Candidate Keys may exist.
 - * only one of the candidate Key can be selected as Primary Key
3. Composite Key, composed of more than one attribute
 - * combination of primary Keys of entity set ^{or} forms a super Key for Relationship set

Note: Key is minimal **always!**

* Super Key is not minimal (Key + Sth)

Key:
all attributes must be
key's own set!

Is every Key a super Key

Ans True, because Key always minimal. we can add sth to it.
 \Rightarrow super Key can be one Key

Is every super Key a Key

Ans False. Super Key is not minimal.

4. Key attribute = Any Attribute that is a part of Key



5 Foreign Key : Is defined in a second table, but it refers to the Primary Key or Unique Key in the first table

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Foreign Key

* Weak Entity :

assume E weak entity, then its Key consist of

- 1) Zero or more of its own att.
- 2) Many-one relation called supporting Relationships for E