

Keys

1. Super Key: one or more attributes whose values uniquely determine each entry (other attributes must be Key)
min. 3 one or more Key // set of all the attributes is the Primary Key
2. Candidate Key: Super Key without redundancies
= 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
↳ Relationship set

True + Key is minimal **always!**

• Super Key is not minimal (Key + Sth)

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

Q: does Key is super Key

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

Q: does super Key is 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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اسے ہی الصبیل الٹائی 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